

Board of Pharmacy Update – May 2022

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The Board has created free online training that pharmacists may complete to independently initiate and furnish HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, [section 1747](#). The 90-minute [training webinar](#) can be found on the Board's website under "What's New" or by clicking the "Licensees" tab at the top of the homepage and going to "[Important Information for Licensees](#)."
- The Board held its quarterly two-day meeting April 26-27, 2022. The meeting included participation in person in Sacramento and Los Angeles as well as WebEx participation. Links to the meeting agenda and materials, action items, and webcast recordings can be found under [Board Meetings](#).
- The Board's regular committees also met in April. Agendas, materials, and webcast recordings can be found under [Board and Committee Meetings](#) for the following committees:
 - Licensing Committee/Pharmacy Technician Summit, April 19.
 - Enforcement and Compounding Committee, April 20.
 - Communication and Public Education, April 26.
 - Legislation/Regulation Committee, April 26.
- The Office of Administrative Law has [approved](#) rulemaking to amend Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, [section 1715.6](#), related to Reporting Drug Loss. The regulatory action became effective April 1, 2022.
- The [current issue](#) of the Board's newsletter, The Script, is available to read online and download. Past issues also can be read and downloaded at [The Script archive](#).

Coming up:

- The Board will meet May 11 in person in Sacramento as well as via WebEx. The meeting agenda and materials will be posted under [Board Meetings](#).

A final word:

- A regulation approved last year regarding automatic prescription refill programs **takes effect July 1, 2022**. The rule – [Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1717.5](#) – was adopted by the Board and filed with the Secretary of State on June 22, 2021. Information about the new regulation is posted under [Approved Regulations](#).

- Pursuant to [Health and Safety Code section 11161.7\(b\)](#), the Board of Pharmacy makes available online a list of [prescribers whose authority to prescribe controlled substances has been restricted](#) by the Medical Board of California (MBC). A link to this list is posted online under “Important Information for Licensees” and is updated regularly to prevent dispensing of controlled substances prescribed by restricted prescribers.
- Licensees continue to report receiving calls from individuals falsely claiming to represent the Board or another government agency. To find [tips to help protect yourself and your pharmacy from scam calls](#), go to the Board’s website and scroll down to “Important Information for Licensees.”

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