

## Board of Pharmacy News Roundup – May 2026

Welcome to the monthly News Roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. To receive more details on any of the information reported here, click on the Board's website, [www.pharmacy.ca.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov).

### Upcoming Meetings:

**ALL meetings are open to the public; all are encouraged to attend. Please check <https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/> for meeting dates and times.**

### Friendly Reminders:

#### **Nonresident Pharmacies Policy Statement**

As part of the Board's actions during the April 29-30, 2026, Board meeting, the Board approved a policy statement to provide guidance and important information regarding recent changes to Pharmacy Law that impact **nonresident pharmacies**. Read the full policy statement [here](#).

As noted in the policy statement:

- Effective **July 1, 2026**, a nonresident pharmacy is required to designate a California licensed pharmacist employed and working at the nonresident pharmacy to serve as the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC).
- On and after that date, a nonresident pharmacy may not ship prescriptions, or provide any pharmacy-related service, to California patients unless the PIC is licensed in California.
- During the transition to the new PIC licensure requirement, the Board does not intend to proactively restrict or interrupt the provision of otherwise lawful pharmacy services by a nonresident pharmacy whose PIC has not yet obtained California licensure. The Board seeks to promote compliance through education where possible and will consider good faith efforts undertaken to comply with the new California licensure requirement in its assessment of potential violations of Pharmacy Law.

You can designate a California licensed pharmacist at your pharmacy who can serve as the PIC for purposes of California licensure, or it may be necessary for a pharmacist at your pharmacy to seek licensure as a pharmacist in California to serve in this role. The California Pharmacist Examination for Licensure Application and Instructions are available [here](#). Below are upcoming California Practice

Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) Test Dates (Check [here](#) for additional dates):

- May 13, 2026
- June 11, 2026

Board staff are available to answer any questions regarding the application process and to expedite the application if helpful to assist in meeting the examination schedule at [intern-examstatus@dca.ca.gov](mailto:intern-examstatus@dca.ca.gov).

Additional information about [Assembly Bill 1503](#) is available on the [Board's website](#), including a special edition [newsletter](#).

### **New Training Course Joins Other Recent Updated Courses**

A new online training course is available on PharmEd in addition to recent updated courses. The Assembly Bill 1503: Removing Barriers and Improving Patient Safety course provides an overview of the statutory changes enacted by the Board's sunset measure and describes the Board's implementation efforts.

The Pharmacy Law and Pharmacist-in-Charge: Overview and Responsibility have been updated for 2026 and all classes are offered at no charge. [Click here to see the list of all CE courses.](#)

### **Transition to Standard of Care**

Under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 1503 (Berman, Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025), certain pharmacist-provided patient care services transitioned to a Standard of Care practice model effective January 1, 2026. The policy statement can be found [here](#).

### **Pharmacist-in-Charge**

Under AB 1503, new provisions reinforce the decision-making autonomy of the PIC related to staffing decisions. Read the full policy statement [here](#).

### **Vaccines**

Under AB 1503, pharmacist authority to independently initiate and administer vaccines for persons three years of age and older will transition to a standard of care practice model. Such an approach is consistent with other health care practitioners with similar practice authority.

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