Board of Pharmacy Update

Welcome to a monthly roundup of news from the California State Board of Pharmacy. Visit the board's website at www.pharmacy.ca.gov for more information.

Recent news:

- The board invalidated the CPJE taken by about 1,400 pharmacist applicants after uncovering widespread subversion of the exam. Applicants who took the invalidated exam can register to retake the test at no cost November 16 or 17. Information about retaking the exam has been mailed to the affected applicants and posted online at the CPJE Information page.
- Additional CPJE test dates have been set December 19, 20 and 21 for anyone who
 has been notified of eligibility to take the CPJE, including applicants who took the
 invalidated exam but cannot retake the CPJE in November. Registration for the
 December test dates opens November 20, 2019. Check the CPJE Information page
 for details.
- The board created an online collection of <u>resources for the statewide emergency</u> declared by Governor Newsom on October 27. The resources includes a statement to assist pharmacists in providing prescription drugs, information for Medi-Cal providers, links to help consumers find an open pharmacy in disaster areas and prepare for a possible evacuation during a declared emergency, and additional information.

Coming up:

- The board will hold its quarterly two-day meeting Nov. 5-6 in Sacramento. The meeting agenda is online at the Full Board meetings page.
- The Compounding, Enforcement, Licensing, and Legislation and Regulation committees will meet Nov. 5 in Sacramento before the board meeting. Agendas for each committee meeting are online at the Board and Committee Meetings page.

A final word:

 A public service message reminding Californians to safely dispose of unused or unwanted prescription drugs is now appearing statewide on billboards sponsored by the California State Board of Pharmacy! You can read about the billboard campaign in the "What's New" box and view the billboard image in the "Quick Hits" column on the board's website.