Board of Pharmacy Update – November 2021

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 <u>Licensing Committee</u> and the <u>Enforcement and Compounding Committee</u> met October 20. Links to agendas, meeting materials, and recorded webcasts are available online.
- The <u>Board met October 27-28, 2021</u>. Links to the agenda, meeting materials, action items, and recorded webcasts are available online.
- The Board released notices of proposed action to amend section 1746.4 to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations related to Administering Vaccines; and to amend sections 1793.5 and 1793.6 and to add 1793.65 to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations related to Pharmacy Technicians. Documents associated with these proposed regulations are posted under <u>Pending Regulations</u>.
- Pharmacy law waivers related to the <u>duty to consult</u> and <u>prelicensure inspection of ADDS location</u> expired October 31. Information about waivers and how to request a waiver is posted under "COVID-19 Updates and Resources" on the Board's website.

Coming up:

- The CPJE will be administered November 22. Exam information is posted under
 <u>Pharmacist Examination and Licensure Information</u>. Participants must present <u>two</u>
 forms of proper ID and must complete an exit form during the checkout process.
- The Board's office will be closed in observance of state holidays on Thursday, November 11, for Veterans Day; and Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, for Thanksgiving.

A final word:

- The Board has adopted a policy statement providing <u>guidance to licensees regarding</u> <u>proposed revisions to USP General Chapters 795 and 797</u>. The statement is posted online at Licensees > Important Information for Licensees > Compounding.
- Beginning January 1, 2022, Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 688 will require
 most prescriptions in California to be issued by prescribers in the form of an electronic
 data transmission, or "e-prescription." The law also requires pharmacists to have
 capability to receive e-prescriptions by January 1, 2022. Information about the law and

answers to <u>frequently asked questions about e-prescribing</u> are posted on the Board's website and in the <u>September 2021 issue</u> of The Script.

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