

Board of Pharmacy News Roundup – November 2025

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.

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

Recent Developments Related to Vaccines

Changes to pharmacist authority related to vaccine administration enacted by [Assembly Bill 1503](#) (Berman, Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025). AB 1503 was signed by Governor Newsom and will take effect on January 1, 2026. Under the provisions established in 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. In anticipation of this change, the Board encourages pharmacists to begin the transition to a standard of care practice model for immunizations for patients three years old and older.

The Board also reminds pharmacists that Business and Professions Code section 4052(a)(11) currently provides a pharmacist with the authority to administer immunizations to any person, regardless of age, pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber. This current authority will exist until January 1, 2026, when AB 1503 takes effect.

West Coast Health Alliance

In September, the [West Coast Health Alliance](#) was launched for residents of California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii regarding who should receive immunizations.

On September 17, the California Department of Public Health [announced](#) official immunization recommendations in accordance with this Alliance. Recent enactment of [Assembly Bill 144](#) (Committee on Budget, Chapter 105, Statutes of 2025) provides authority for pharmacists to independently initiate and administer to individuals three years of age or older an immunization that, on January 1, 2025, had in effect an ACIP recommendation and that is

recommended by the California Department of Public Health. **This authority became effective on September 17, 2025, and provides separate and independent authority (complementing other current and forthcoming authorities) for pharmacists to administer vaccines.**

AB 144 also contains provisions related to Medi-Cal coverage of vaccines and immunizations. Learn more about Medi-Cal coverage of vaccines [here](#).

California Albuterol and Epinephrine Standing Orders for Schools

California schools are authorized to stock unassigned albuterol metered-dose inhalers (MDIs), single-use disposable spacers, and epinephrine auto-injectors for emergency use.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued statewide standing orders that enable all California TK–12 public, charter, and private schools, as well as local education agencies (school districts), and county offices of education, to obtain MDIs and single-use disposable spacers, as well as epinephrine auto-injectors without an independent physician's prescription.

Standing orders are issued to schools under the name of the school and medications are not assigned to any specific student or staff. To learn more about program eligibility, training requirements, and how schools can apply or renew, please visit the CDPH website or contact the Office of School Health at SafeSchoolsTeam@cdph.ca.gov

California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER)

Register with ISMP to report medication errors to the California Medication Error Reporting (CAMER) system. Medication errors that occur on or after September 1, 2025, must be reported to the CAMER system. For information on how to register with ISMP's medication error reporting program, click [here https://mederrors.ismp.org/](https://mederrors.ismp.org/). For technical issues please email clientservices@ecri.org. FAQs regarding medication error reporting can be found [here](#).

Report a Drug Theft/Drug Loss Online Portal

The Board of Pharmacy has implemented a new online portal to report a drug theft/drug loss of controlled substances. Submissions via the online portal will ensure that the board is receiving all required information pertaining to

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, §1715.6. Although not required, we encourage using the new online portal for future reporting.

Please use link below.

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/webapplications/apps/drug_loss/index.shtml

PIC Training Webinar

A [Pharmacist-in-Charge training webinar](#) is available on the California State Board of Pharmacy website.

This webinar provides an overview of pharmacy law related to the position and the responsibility of a pharmacist when associating as the Pharmacist-in-Charge of a licensed facility. One hour of CE will be awarded for completing the webinar training; however, it does not count toward the required 2 hours of CE for Law and Ethics.

To take this course you must sign up for a PharmED account. Click here to sign up for an account or use this link: <https://pharmed.thinkific.com/>

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