

Board of Pharmacy Update – October 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:

- Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Trevor L. Chandler of San Francisco and Kartikeya “KK” Jha of Fresno to the Board. Mr. Chandler, a public member, is director of government affairs and public policy at Citizen. Mr. Jha, a licensee member, is district director of operations at Omnicare – a CVS Health Company.
- The Board has approved an extension of the following waiver to 90 days following the end of the declared emergency: [Prescriber Dispensing of Tecovirimat \(TPOXX or ST-246\) Oral Antiviral Medication to Emergency Room Patient \(BPC sections 4068\(a\)\(1\), 4068\(a\)\(5\), 4068\(a\)\(6\), 4076.5 and 4427.2\(a\)\)](#).
- The Office of Administrative Law has approved rulemaking to add Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, [section 1708.1](#), related to Notification of Temporary Closure. The regulation took effect October 1, 2022. The [Order of Adoption](#) with the approved text for this regulation can be found under [Approved Regulations](#).
- The Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee met September 14. Links to the meeting agenda, materials, and a webcast recording can be found on [the committee’s meeting page](#).
- The Board met September 14 and September 21. Links to the meeting agendas, materials, and webcast recordings can be found on [the Board’s meeting page](#).
- The Enforcement and Compounding Committee met October 4. Links to the meeting agenda, materials, and webcast recording can be found on [the committee’s meeting page](#).

Coming up:

- The next CPJE will be administered October 15. Information about the exam is available under [Pharmacist Examination and Licensure](#).
- Upcoming meetings this month include the [Licensing Committee](#) on October 18, the [Standard of Care Committee](#) on October 25, and [the Board](#) on October 25-26.

A final word:

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued a [statement](#) on the emergency use authorization of updated COVID-19 boosters: the Moderna bivalent booster for individuals 18 and older and the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster for individuals 12 and older. A link to this statement is posted along with Pharmacy Law

waivers, guidance documents, and other [COVID-19 resources and updates](#) on the Board's website.

- The [August 2022 issue](#) of The Script is available online. The newsletter includes articles about new pharmacy regulations, notifying the Board when a pharmacy PIC stops acting as PIC, the top 10 citations issued in 2021-22, how to file complaints about pharmacy performance quotas, and other topics.
- The FDA provides [free, self-guided, online courses](#) offering continuing education, webinar records, and presentation slides on compounding topics. The trainings are to support outsourcing facilities and other stakeholders in their efforts to enhance the quality of compounding drugs. Information about these resources will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

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