

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
Title 16. Board of Pharmacy**

**Proposed Regulatory Language  
Medication-Assisted Treatment**

**Proposal to Add CCR section 1746.6 to Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:**

**§ 1746.6. Pharmacist-Provided Medication-Assisted Treatment**

- (a) For purposes of this section, medication-assisted treatment includes all medication used to treat a substance use disorder.
- (b) A pharmacist may initiate, modify, administer, or discontinue medication-assisted treatment pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4052(a)(14), consistent with all relevant provisions of federal law, and shall satisfy the requirements of this section.
  - (1) The pharmacist shall possess appropriate education and training to provide medication-assisted treatment consistent with the established standard of care used by other health care practitioners providing medication-assisted treatment, including nationally accepted guidelines.
  - (2) The pharmacist shall ensure a confidential patient care area is used to provide the services. The patient may not waive consultation.
  - (3) The pharmacist shall assess the patient for signs and symptoms of substance abuse disorder through patient interview, physical assessment, and laboratory findings. This initial assessment may be waived if the patient is referred to the pharmacist for treatment following diagnosis by another health care provider.
  - (4) The pharmacist shall develop a treatment plan for a patient's substance use disorder, which may include referral to medical services, case management, psychosocial services, substance use counseling, or residential treatment.
  - (5) The pharmacist shall document the assessment, clinical findings, plan of care, and medications dispensed and administered in a patient record system and share this information with a patient's primary care provider or other prescriber, if one is identified.
  - (6) A pharmacist performing the functions authorized in this section shall do so in collaboration with other health care providers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4052, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4052, Business and Professions Code.