

## **Board Actions at January 30-31 Meeting**

The California State Board of Pharmacy met January 30-31, 2019, in South San Francisco. During the meeting, the board took the following actions:

- Directed staff to initiate formal rulemaking to amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1711, regarding quality assurance reports for automated drug delivery systems (ADDS).
- Voted to pursue a statutory change to require continuing education (CE) for pharmacists who prescribe opioids under a collaborative practice agreement.
- Voted to formally support AB 149, which would provide a formal transition period for the new serialized number requirement for security prescription forms.
- Voted to pursue a statutory change to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 11159.25 to create an exemption from the security prescription forms requirement for patients unable to access controlled medication because of a declared emergency.
- Voted to initiate formal rulemaking for a self-assessment requirement for automated drug delivery systems (ADDS).
- Voted to approve a policy statement supporting changes in the law to permit pharmacists to provide medication assisted treatment as part of a collaborative health care team.
- Voted to approve a policy statement encouraging pharmacies to affix a standardized “hazardous drug” symbol to prescription labels for oral chemotherapy medications when appropriate.
- Voted to formally recognize California pharmacists who have been on active status for 40 years.