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California State Board of Pharmacy
Department of Consumer Affairs
DRAFT Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2026

Location: OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON:
California Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 N. Market Blvd., Room #186
Sacramento, CA 95834

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT FROM A REMOTE LOCATION: Webex

Board Members Present:
Seung Oh, PharmD, Licensee Member, President
Jessica Crowley, PharmD, Licensee Member, Vice President
Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member, Treasurer
Jeanette Dong, Public Member
Kartikeya "KK" Jha, RPh, Licensee Member (via Webex)
Claudia Mercado, Public Member
Ricardo Sanchez, Public Member
Satinder Sandhu, PharmD, Licensee Member
Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member
Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member (via Webex)

Board Members Not Present:
Jeff Hughes, Public Member
Jason "Jay" Newell, MSW, Public Member

Staff Present:
Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer
Julie Ansel, Deputy Executive Officer
Corinne Gartner, DCA Staff Counsel
Deepi Miller, DCA Regulations Counsel
Julie McFall, Executive Specialist Manager
Sara Jurrens, Public Information Officer

September 17, 2026

I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and General Announcements (Including Possible Notifications, Actions, and Disclosures Pursuant to Government Code section 11123.2(j))

President Oh called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Oh reminded all individuals present that the Board is a consumer protection agency charged with administering and enforcing Pharmacy Law. Where protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

Roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present in Sacramento: Jessica Crowley, PharmD, Licensee Member; Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member; Jeanette Dong, Public Member; Claudia Mercado, Public Member; Ricardo Sanchez, Public Member; Satinder Sandhu, PharmD, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, PharmD, Licensee Member. Kartikeya "KK" Jha, RPh, Licensee Member; and Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member participated via Webex. Pharmacist Jha and Dr. Thibeau each disclosed that no persons over 18 years old were present in the room with them as they participated in the meeting remotely via Webex.

A quorum was established.

Dr. Oh reminded members participating via Webex to remain visible on camera throughout the open portion of the meeting. Dr. Oh requested members announce the reason for their nonappearance if they needed to turn their camera off temporarily due to internet connectivity issues.

II. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda/Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Members of the public participating from Sacramento were provided the opportunity to comment. The Board heard a comment from a representative of CPhA related to Medi-Cal changes that are coming in January and February of 2027.

Members of the public participating via Webex were provided the opportunity to comment. The Board heard a comment regarding the delays in issuing pharmacy technician licenses.

Members were provided the opportunity to comment. Members appreciated the comments and agreed with the importance of disseminating the information about the upcoming Medi-Cal changes.

III. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Proposed Amendment of California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1707.4 Related to Central Fill Pharmacies, Including Discussion of Requirement for a Central Fill Pharmacy to be Located in California

Dr. Oh noted that in response to requests from the public, the Board initiated a rulemaking to update the requirements regarding central fill pharmacies. Dr. Oh further noted that during the April 2026 Board meeting, the Board adopted the proposed regulation text. Following adoption, staff prepared the final rulemaking documents. During this process, and in consultation with counsel, staff reflected further on the requirement for central fill pharmacies to be located in California.

Dr. Oh noted that given changes in pharmacy law giving authority for the Board to inspect nonresident pharmacies, coupled with constitutional validity issues the California location requirement raises, it appeared appropriate to remove the limitation on the location of the central fill pharmacy.

Dr. Oh noted support of the staff recommendation. Dr. Oh also requested that as staff implement inspections of nonresident pharmacies, they aim to inspect central fill pharmacies once the regulations take effect, noting that data from these inspections will aid members in completing post implementation review.

Members were given the opportunity to comment. Members spoke in support of the change. Members also noted concerns about final verification being done through images and automation. Dr. Oh noted that the amendment being proposed today was specific to address the California location requirement and all other comments were taken for information purposes only.

Motion: Accept the Board staff's recommended second modified text, and direct staff to notice the second modified text for a 15-day comment period and notice the additional document relied upon. Additionally, if no adverse comments are received relating to the second modified text amendment as noticed during the 15-day comment period and the document added to the rulemaking file, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at title 16, CCR section 1707.4 as noticed. Further, delegate to the executive officer the authority to make technical or nonsubstantive changes as may be required by the Control agencies to complete the rulemaking file.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Title 16. Board of Pharmacy

SECOND MODIFIED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Central Fill Pharmacies

Proposed changes to the current regulation language are shown by ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted language and underline for added language.

Modified text changes to the proposed language are shown by ~~double strikethrough~~ for deleted language and double underline for added language.

The second modified regulation text to the regulation text is indicated with a ~~**bold double strikethrough**~~ for deletions and a **bold double underline** for additions.

Amend Section 1707.4 of Article 2 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 1707.4. Procedures for ~~Refill~~ Central Fill Pharmacies.

(a) For purposes of this section, a central fill pharmacy is defined as a California-licensed pharmacy that, pursuant to a contract or on behalf of a pharmacy under common ownership, prepares and packages prescriptions for dispensing to another pharmacy to dispense to the patient.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the originating pharmacy is defined as the pharmacy that received the patient's initial prescription and dispenses the medication to the patient.

(c) A central fill pharmacy ~~**located in California and**~~ licensed by the B~~b~~oard may process a request for ~~refill of a~~ prescription medication received by ~~a~~ another pharmacy ~~within this state~~, provided:

(1) The pharmacy that is to ~~re~~fill the ~~prescription~~ medication either has a contract with the pharmacy which received the prescription or has the same owner as the other pharmacy.

(2) The prescription container:

(A) is clearly labeled with all information required by ~~S~~sections 4076 and 4076.5 of the Business and Professions Code; and

(B) as applicable, clearly shows the name and address of the central fill pharmacy ~~re~~filling the ~~prescription~~ medication ~~and/~~or the name and address of the originating pharmacy ~~which receives the refilled prescription medication to dispense to the patient~~. Nothing in this subsection should be interpreted as preventing inclusion of the name and address of both pharmacies.

(3) The patient is provided with written information indicating that the prescription was filled at a central fill pharmacy, and written or electronic information, either on the prescription label or with the prescription container, that describes which pharmacy to contact if the patient has any questions about the prescription or medication.

(4) Both pharmacies maintain complete and accurate records ~~of the refill~~, including:

(A) the name of the pharmacist who ~~re~~filled the prescription;

(B) the name of the pharmacy ~~re~~filling the prescription; and

(C) the name of the pharmacy that received the prescription ~~refill request~~.

(5) The central fill pharmacy ~~which refills the prescription~~ and the originating pharmacy ~~to which receives the refilled prescription is provided for dispensing to the patient~~ shall each be responsible for ensuring the order has been properly filled. Pharmacists ~~working at the originating pharmacy~~ may perform final product verification ~~prior to dispensing, including~~ through review of images of the final product in lieu of physical visual verification. A pharmacist shall not be required to perform final product verification where product verification by a pharmacist is performed at the time of stocking the automated dispensing device, if the dispensing device is not further accessed by pharmacy personnel, and the medication is dispensed into a labeled container (with a label that meets the requirements set forth in section 1707.5 of this Article).

(6) The originating pharmacy is responsible for compliance with the requirements set forth in ~~S~~sections 1707.1, 1707.2, and 1707.3 of the California Code of Regulations.

~~(b)Nothing in this section shall be construed as barring a pharmacy from also filling new prescriptions presented by a patient or a patient's agent or transmitted to it by a prescriber.~~

(d) For controlled substances: To the extent permitted by Federal law, a central fill pharmacy may process a request for prescription medication received by another pharmacy.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as barring a pharmacy from also filling prescriptions through a mail order pharmacy model that fills prescriptions and delivers prescriptions directly to patients through any mail service, or from operating under the common electronic file provisions established in section 1717.1 of this Article.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4005, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4063, 4076, 4076.5, 4081, and 4333, Business and Professions Code.

M/S: Sandhu/Mercado

Members of the public participating in Sacramento were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.
Members of the public participating via Webex were provided the opportunity to comment. The Board heard several comments in support of the modified text.

Members were provided a final opportunity to comment after hearing public comments; however, no comments were made.

Support: 10 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 2

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Support
Crowley	Support
Dong	Support
Hughes	Not Present
Jha	Support
Mercado	Support

Newell	Not Present
Oh	Support
Sanchez	Support
Sandhu	Support
Serpa	Support
Thibeau	Support

IV. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Proposed Amendment of California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1749 Related to Fees, Including Review of Comments Received During the 45-Day Comment Period

Dr. Oh recalled that following an analysis by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Board received a presentation on the Board's budget including its current structural imbalance, where the Board's expenses exceed the revenue it receives. To address this, the Board voted to initiate a rulemaking to raise some of the fees included in the Board's fee schedule. The 45-day public comment period began July 31, 2026, and ended on September 14, 2026. Dr. Oh thanked everyone for their comments.

Dr. Oh noted that he reviewed the materials and agreed with staff recommendations and further noted that many of the comments received indicated current challenges with reimbursement for pharmacy services, which is outside of the scope of the Board's authority.

Dr. Oh also expressed appreciation that staff concluded that a reduction in some of the proposed fees is possible given that the final budget numbers for FY 2025/26 reflected a modest increase in revenue compared to the projections considered earlier in the year. He further noted that the proposed reductions are not without risk as a single year of increase in revenue may not be indicative of a trend; however, with the phased approach the Board is taking to slowly address the structural imbalance, Dr. Oh believed the Board could pursue the reductions as proposed. Dr. Oh noted the Board would continue to closely monitor the fund through quarterly meetings and could take a more aggressive approach in a subsequent rulemaking if needed.

Members were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Motion: Accept the Board staff's recommended comment responses and recommended modified text, and direct staff to notice the modified text for a 15-day comment period. Additionally, if no adverse comments are received relating to the modified text amendment as noticed during the 15-day comment period, authorize the executive

officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at title 16, CCR section 1749 as noticed. Further, delegate to the executive officer the authority to make technical or nonsubstantive changes as may be required by the Control agencies to complete the rulemaking file.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. BOARD OF PHARMACY

Modified Regulation Text
Fee Schedules

Legend:	Added text is indicated with an underline. Omitted text is indicated by (* * * *) Deleted text is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

Modified changes made to the proposed regulation language are shown by ~~double strikethrough~~ for deleted language and double underline for added language.

Amend section 1749 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 1749. Fee Schedule.

Effective July 1, 2027, ~~T~~the application, renewal, penalties, and other fees, unless otherwise specified, are hereby fixed as follows:

(a) The fee for the issuance of any non-government owned pharmacy license is ~~seven hundred fifty dollars ($750)~~~~two thousand dollars ($2,000)~~ one thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($1,250). The fee for the annual renewal of any non-government owned pharmacy license is ~~one thousand twenty-five dollars ($1,025)~~~~one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500)~~ one thousand three hundred ninety-five dollars ($1,395). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(1) The fee for the issuance of any government owned pharmacy license is one thousand dollars ($1,000). The fee for the annual renewal of any government owned pharmacy license is one thousand twenty-five dollars ($1,025). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(b) The fee for the issuance of any temporary pharmacy license is ~~one thousand six hundred dollars ($1,600)~~two thousand seven hundred forty dollars ($2,740).

(c) The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license is one hundred twenty dollars ($120). The fee for the biennial renewal of a pharmacy technician license is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The penalty for failure to renew is seventy-five dollars ($75).

(d) The application fee for examination as a pharmacist is two hundred sixty dollars ($260).

(e) The fee for regrading an examination is one hundred fifteen dollars ($115).

(f)(1) The fee for the issuance of an original pharmacist license is one hundred ninety-five dollars ($195).

(2) The application fee for an advanced practice pharmacist license is three hundred dollars ($300). If granted, there is no fee for the initial license issued, which will expire at the same time the pharmacist license expires.

(g)(1) The fee for the biennial renewal of a pharmacist license is four hundred fifty dollars ($450). The penalty fee for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(2) The fee for the biennial renewal of an advanced practice pharmacist license is three hundred dollars ($300). The penalty fee for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fees in this paragraph are in addition to the fees required to renew the pharmacist's license as specified in paragraph 1.

(h) The fee for the issuance of a wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is one thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($1,~~000~~411). The fee for the annual renewal of a wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is one thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($1,~~000~~411). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for a temporary wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is ~~seven hundred fifteen dollars ($715)~~one thousand nine dollars ($1,009).

(i) The fee for the issuance of a hypodermic license is five hundred fifty dollars ($550). The fee for the annual renewal of a hypodermic needle license is four hundred dollars ($400). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(j) The fee for the issuance of a designated representative license pursuant to Section 4053 of the Business and Professions Code, a designated representative-3PL license pursuant to Section 4053.1 of the Business and Professions Code, or a designated representative-reverse distributor license pursuant to Section 4053.2 of the Business and Professions Code, is three hundred forty-five dollars ($345). The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative, designated representative-3PL, or a designated representative-reverse distributor is three hundred eighty-eight dollars ($388). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(k) The application fee for a license as a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider is one thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($1,~~000~~411). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider is one thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($1,~~000~~411). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider temporary license is ~~seven hundred fifteen dollars ($715)~~one thousand nine dollars ($1,009).

(*l*) The fee for an intern pharmacist license is one hundred seventy-five dollars ($175).

The fee for transfer of intern hours or verification of licensure to another state is one hundred twenty dollars ($120).

(m)The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, which must be reissued because of change in the information on a premises license, other than name change, is three hundred ninety-five dollars ($395).

(n) The fee for the reissuance of any license that has been lost or destroyed or reissued due to a name change is seventy-five dollars ($75). The fee for processing an application to change a name or correct an address on a premises license is two hundred six dollars ($206). The fee for the processing of an application to change a pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, or responsible manager on a premises license record is two hundred fifty dollars ($250).

(o) The fee for evaluation of continuing education courses for accreditation is forty dollars ($40) for each hour of accreditation requested.

(p) The fee for the issuance of a clinic license is six hundred twenty dollars ($620). The fee for the annual renewal of a clinic license is four hundred dollars ($400)). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(q) The fee for the issuance of a license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is three thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars ($3,875). The fee for the annual renewal of a license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is four thousand eighty-five dollars ($4,085). The penalty for failure to renew a license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for a temporary license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy temporary license is ~~one thousand sixty-five dollars ($1,065)~~one thousand five hundred three dollars ($1,503).

(r) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is ~~eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500)~~sixteen thousand five hundred two dollars ($16,502). The fee for the annual renewal of nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is ~~eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500)~~ ~~seventeen thousand forty dollars ($17,040)~~ fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for a temporary nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is ~~one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500)~~two thousand dollars ($2,000).

(s) The fee for the issuance of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is three hundred forty-five dollars ($345). The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is three hundred eighty-eight dollars ($388). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(t) The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license is six hundred ten dollars ($610). The application fee for the annual renewal for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is four hundred sixty dollars ($460). The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug

retailer temporary license is five hundred twenty dollars ($520). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(u) The fee for the issuance of a retired pharmacist license is fifty dollars ($50).

(v) The fee for the issuance of a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy license is three thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars ($3,815). The fee for the annual renewal of a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy license is two thousand nine hundred twelve dollars ($2,912). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(w) The fee for the issuance of an outsourcing facility license is twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000). The fee for the annual renewal of an outsourcing facility is ~~twenty-five dollars ($25,000)~~thirty thousand dollars ($30,000). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for an outsourcing facility temporary license is four thousand dollars ($4,000).

(x) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident outsourcing facility license is ~~twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($28,500)~~forty-two thousand three hundred eighteen dollars ($42,318). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident outsourcing facility is ~~twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($28,500)~~~~forty-six thousand three hundred fifty-three dollars ($46,353)~~thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($37,500). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for a nonresident outsourcing facility temporary license is four thousand dollars ($4,000).

(y) The fee for the issuance of a correctional clinic license is six hundred twenty dollars ($620). The annual renewal application fee for a correctional clinic license is four hundred dollars ($400). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(z) The application and initial license fee for operation of an EMSADDS is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The application fee for the annual renewal of an EMSADDS is two hundred dollars ($200). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred dollars ($100). The application and renewal fee for a licensed wholesaler that is also an emergency medical services provider agency is eight hundred ten dollars ($810).

(aa) The application and initial license fee for a designated paramedic license is three hundred fifty dollars ($350). The application fee for the biennial renewal of a designated paramedic license is two hundred dollars ($200). The penalty for failure to renew a designated paramedic license is one hundred dollars ($100).

(ab) The application and initial license fee for a remote dispensing site pharmacy application is one thousand seven hundred thirty dollars ($1,730). The fee for the annual renewal for a remote dispensing site pharmacy license is one thousand twenty-five dollars ($1,025). The penalty for failure to renew a remote dispensing site pharmacy license is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for the issuance of any temporary remote dispensing site pharmacy license is eight hundred ninety dollars ($890).

(ac) The fee for the issuance of an ADDS license to a correctional clinic is five hundred dollars ($500). The fee for the annual renewal of an ADDS license issued to a correctional clinic is four hundred dollars ($400). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(ad) The fee for the issuance of an ADDS license to all entities other than correctional clinics is five hundred twenty-five dollars ($525). The fee for the annual renewal of an ADDS license, issued to entities other than correctional clinics, is four hundred fifty-three dollars ($453). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

(ae) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident pharmacy license is ~~two thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars ($2,427)~~three thousand four hundred twenty-four dollars ($3,424). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident pharmacy license is ~~one thousand twenty-five dollars ($1,025)~~two thousand dollars ($2,000). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars ($150). The fee for the issuance of a temporary nonresident pharmacy license is two thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars ($2,~~000~~469).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4400, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 163.5, 4005, 4032, 4044.3, 4053, 4053.1, 4110, 4112, 4119.01, 4119.11, 4120, 4127.1, 4127.15, 4127.2, 4128.2, 4129.1, 4129.2, 4129.8, 4130, 4160, 4161, 4180, 4187, 4190, 4196, 4200, 4202, 4202.5, 4203, 4208, 4210, 4304, 4400, 4401 and 4403, Business and Professions Code.

M/S: Oh/Sanchez

Members of the public participating in Sacramento and via Webex were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Support: 10 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 2

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Support
Crowley	Support
Dong	Support
Hughes	Not Present
Jha	Support
Mercado	Support
Newell	Not Present
Oh	Support
Sanchez	Support
Sandhu	Support
Serpa	Support
Thibeau	Support

The Board took a break from 9:33 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present in Sacramento: Jessica Crowley, PharmD, Licensee Member; Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member; Jeanette Dong, Public Member; Claudia Mercado, Public Member; Ricardo Sanchez, Public Member; Satinder Sandhu, PharmD, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, PharmD, Licensee Member. Kartikeya "KK" Jha, RPh, Licensee Member and Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member participated via Webex.

V. Petitions for Reinstatement of Licensure, Early Termination of Probation, or Other Modification of Penalty

Administrative Law Judge Brian Weisel presided over the following petition hearings:

a. Edie M. John, TCH 106042
b. James A. Hildenbrand, TCH 129986

VI. Closed Session Matters

Open session concluded at approximately 10:45 a.m. The Board entered closed session at approximately 11:00 a.m. Closed session ended at 12:13 p.m.

VII. Reconvene in Open Session to Adjourn the Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.