

## Board of Pharmacy Update – February 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](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov).

### Recent news:

- The California Department of Justice (DOJ) recently awarded the contract for prescription data collection services for the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) to a new vendor, Bamboo Health PMP Clearinghouse. **Effective February 23, 2022**, all reporting to CURES must be made through the [PMP Clearinghouse system](#). For information about this change, please see the [New Data Collection Vendor For CURES](#) document on the [DOJ CURES webpage](#).
- The Board's standing committees, in addition to the new Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Ad Hoc Committee, met in January. Links to all meetings agenda, materials, and webcasts can be found online under [Board and Committee Meetings](#).
- The Board held a two-day quarterly meeting January 27-28. Links to the meeting [agenda](#), [materials](#), webcasts, and [action items](#) can be found online under [Board Meetings](#).
- The Office of Administrative Law has approved rulemakings amending the following regulations in Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR):
  - An amendment to section 1746.4, regarding [Pharmacists Initiating and Administering Vaccines](#). The amendment is **effective January 25, 2022**.
  - An amendment to section 1704, regarding [Address Change Notification](#). The amendment is **effective April 1, 2022**.
  - An amendment to section 1709, regarding [Ownership, Management, and Control of Pharmacies and Other Regulated Business Entities](#). The amendment is **effective April 1, 2022**.
- The Board reissued four waivers of pharmacy law related to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency:
  - [Duty to Consult \(Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1707.2\(a\)\)](#)
  - [Prelicensure Inspection at Proposed Location of an Automated Drug Delivery System \(ADDS\) - Business and Professions Code sections 4119.11\(a\)\(9\) and BPC 4427.2\(e\)](#)
  - [Signature Requirement for Receipt of Delivery of Drugs \(BPC section 4059.5\)](#)
  - [Requirement for Consulting Pharmacist to Make Quarterly Visits to Clinic \(BPC sections 4182\(a\) & \(b\)/BPC 4192\(a\) & \(b\)\)](#)
- In addition, the Board amended and reissued the following waiver: [Prescriber Dispensing of COVID-19 Antiviral Medication to an Emergency Room Patient](#)

[\(Including BPC sections 4068\(a\)\(1\), 4068\(a\)\(5\), 4068\(a\)\(6\), 4076.5, and 4427.2\(a\)\)](#)

- [All pharmacy law waivers](#) are listed in addition to other [COVID-19 updates and resources](#) online.

**Coming up:**

- The Board of Pharmacy office will be closed February 21 in observance of Presidents Day, a state holiday.

**A final word:**

- Got a question about a provision of pharmacy law or regulation? The updated [2022 Lawbook for Pharmacy](#) online contains relevant sections from the Business and Professions Code, the Health and Safety Code, and other California statutory codes, as well as pharmacy regulations in Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The lawbook is posted in PDF format, which makes searching by keyword easy for relevant laws and regulations.

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