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Note: 7 new regulations adopted by the Board



The state Office of Administrative Law has approved seven regulations adopted by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Six of the new regulations take effect in 2022, and one takes effect January 1, 2023. The regulations are listed in Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Information about these regulations, including the full text of each regulation, can be found under [Approved Regulations](#) on the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

[CCR section 1746.4, Pharmacists Initiating and Administering Vaccines.](#)

This amended regulation eliminates a mandatory requirement for pharmacists who administer vaccines to report the vaccination to the patient’s primary care provider within 14 day. Under the amended regulation, pharmacists must report the vaccination to the primary care provider only if requested by the patient. The amended regulation took effect January 25, 2022.

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By Seung Oh, President, Board of Pharmacy

On behalf of the California State Board of Pharmacy, congratulations to the 1,242 students who graduated from California pharmacy schools this year! Upon passing required licensure exams, you will join a dynamic and rewarding profession dedicated to providing quality patient care through the safe and effective use of pharmaceutical medications, products, and health care services. Welcome!

This is both a challenging and rewarding time for all pharmacy professionals, especially those on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pharmacists, intern pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians have played an outsized role in protecting public health and individual patient care by administering COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots to all age groups of Americans. More recently, pharmacists have received FDA approval to independently prescribe Paxlovid, an orally administered COVID-19 therapeutic drug, to patients under certain conditions. We

look forward to hearing how this is making a positive difference in communities you serve and patients you look out for.

The Board of Pharmacy continues to support these efforts through [pharmacy law waivers](#) and other important [COVID-19 resources](#) posted online. In addition, we thank licensees for all of their work and dedication to patient care during the ongoing pandemic emergency.

Meanwhile, a growing outbreak of monkeypox has led to a second [declaration of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom](#) and federal officials. Once again, California pharmacists are taking an active role in vaccinating and providing care to at-risk individuals. The Board is assisting those efforts with a [pharmacy law waiver related to prescribers dispensing Tecovirimat to emergency room patients](#), which is also posted online.

In addition, the Board is concerned about the strain faced by pharmacy professionals from increasing workplace demands and the related potential risks to patient care, especially during stressful times. We have created a Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee to discuss and consider these issues and recommend solutions to help ensure licensees are supported in caring for California consumers. We strongly urge you to check out materials posted on the [committee's webpage](#) and participate in the committee's teleconference meetings, which are open to the public anywhere via WebEx.

A helpful resource recently considered by the committee is the [Pharmacist Well-Being Index](#), an online tool that enables all pharmacy professionals – including pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians – to self-assess their mental health. Users can log on to the index and answer questions intended to assess several dimensions of distress and well-being related to work. All information collected is anonymous, and the site also offers resources to assist users whose responses indicate risk of distress.

You can find more information about the Pharmacist Well-Being Index in an article in this issue of The Script. The current newsletter also has articles with important information for licensees, including new pharmacy regulations, top citations issued in 2021-22, how to file a complaint regarding pharmacy quotas, and requirements for notifying the Board when a PIC stops acting as PIC. You can also read about recent changes on the Board, including the re-election of all officers, a welcome to new members, and a fond farewell to former members.

Whether you are a new licensee or a [longtime pharmacist](#), the Board congratulates you for your education, experience, and commitment to providing the highest quality of pharmacy care to California consumers.

New regulations

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[CCR section 1715.6, Reporting Drug Loss](#). This amended regulation eliminates excessive reporting requirements for losses of controlled substances and more closely align the state reporting requirement with federal regulatory requirements. The amended regulation took effect April 1, 2022.

[CCR section 1704, Address Change Notification](#). This amended regulation requires each applicant or person holding a certificate, license, permit, registration or exemption to practice issued by the Board to provide and keep current their email address with the Board. The amended regulation took effect April 1, 2022.

[CCR section 1709, Ownership, Management, and Control of Pharmacies and Other Regulated Business Entities](#). This amended regulation clarifies and makes specific the standards of pharmacy and ownership disclosure as they relate to pharmacy ownership, management, and control, including through trusts. The amended regulation took effect April 1, 2022.

[CCR section 1717.5, Automatic Refill Programs](#). This new regulation establishes parameters for pharmacies that choose to provide automatic refill programs. The regulation took effect July 1, 2022.

[CCR section 1708.1, Notification of Temporary Closure](#). This new regulation requires permit holders – except for correctional pharmacies – to notify the Board of any temporary closure exceeding three consecutive days. The regulation takes effect October 1, 2022.

[CCR section 1715.65, Inventory Activities and Inventory Reconciliation Reports of Controlled Substances](#). This amended regulation clarifies what is an “inventory reconciliation” and defines “inventory activities”; identifies four non-Schedule II controlled substances that must be inventoried at least every 12 months; specifies when all other controlled substances must be inventoried; requires individuals in completing the inventory or preparing the report to be identified and the individual who performs the inventory to sign and date it; allows use of a digital, electronic or biometric identifier instead of a physical signature if a printed signed statement confirming the accuracy of the report is retained; and clarifies inventory requirements in hospital settings. The amendments take effect January 1, 2023.

Sign up for emails from the Board

[Facilities](#), [pharmacists](#), [pharmacy technicians](#), [intern pharmacists](#) and [designated representatives](#) are required to register for email notifications from the Board of Pharmacy within 60 days of obtaining a license or at the time of license renewal. In addition, licensees must update their registration within 30 days of changing their email address.

The process is easy! To register your email address and receive email notifications from the board, visit the Board’s [website](#) and click on the link in the “Quick Hits” to [sign up for subscriber alerts](#). Email addresses are confidential and are not posted in the Board’s online license verification system.

Board issues waiver in response to monkeypox state of emergency



On August 1, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a [proclamation of emergency](#) to bolster the state's vaccination efforts against a growing outbreak of monkeypox. On August 3, 2022, the California State Board of Pharmacy issued the following pharmacy law waiver:

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))

[This order](#) waives Business and Professions Code sections 4068(a)(1), 4068(a)(5), 4068(a)(6), 4076.5 and 4427.2(a) and any associated regulation related to the prohibition against a prescriber dispensing medications to an emergency room patient under the following conditions:

1. The medication is provided to a patient receiving care in an emergency room in California.
2. The antiviral medication is prescribed and dispensed consistent with the provisions of the FDA Expanded Access Program and [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use Under Expanded Access Investigational New Drug Protocol during 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Cases](#).

3. Prior to prescribing and dispensing the medication, the prescriber reviews the patient's medication history to determine any drug interactions, contraindications, or potential for severe side effects.
4. The medication is labeled to include the patient's name, drug name and strength, directions for use, quantity, date of issuance, name of the prescriber, and hospital information.
5. Verbal consultation is provided by an authorized health care provider.
6. When the antiviral medication is not packaged in a child-resistant container, the patient is advised.

Effective: August 3, 2022

Expires: September 1, 2022

A link to this waiver can be found under "What's New" on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Check website for COVID-19 info

Amid the ongoing national and state emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Pharmacy continues to disseminate important information to licensees on its [website](#) and through [subscriber alerts](#).

A comprehensive list of waivers, guidance documents, and additional resources issued by the Board is posted online under [COVID-19 Information](#). In addition, waivers issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs are posted on the [DCA website](#).

The Board and DCA most recently updated several important waivers, including:

- [DCA Waiver DCA-22-217 Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacists Independently Initiating and Furnishing Paxlovid to Individual Patients - AMENDED](#) – The order is effective immediately and may be further amended as circumstances require.
- [Remote Processing – BPC section 4071.1\(a\)](#) – This waiver expires 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted.
- [Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Intern Pharmacists and General Supervision and Interprofessional Supervision - Immunizations - BPC section 4114](#) – The amended expiration date is December 31, 2022, or 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner.
- [Mass Vaccination Sites](#) – The amended expiration date is December 31, 2022, or 30 days following the declared disaster, whichever is sooner.
- [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\(a\)\)](#) – The amended expiration date is 30 days following the end of the declared disaster.

Important rules for changes of PIC

Pharmacies and pharmacists-in-charge (PIC) are reminded of important requirements when a PIC ceases to act as PIC or takes an extended leave from the pharmacy:

- A PIC who stops acting as PIC must notify the Board of Pharmacy in writing within 30 days of the date of that change in status, pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4101\(a\)](#). Submit a letter in writing to the Board's address or email the Board at PICstatus@dca.ca.gov with your name and license number, the name and license number of the pharmacy where you were PIC, and the date you ceased acting as PIC. Note: The outgoing PIC should send this notice directly to the Board in addition to signing the "Application for Change of Pharmacist in Charge (PIC)" that the employer must send to the Board.
- BPC [section 4113\(d\)](#) requires a pharmacy to notify the Board within 30 days when its PIC ceases to act as the PIC. The pharmacy must complete the [Application for Change of Pharmacist in Charge \(PIC\)](#) to notify the Board of a new proposed PIC or interim PIC as well identifying the PIC being replaced.
- If you are a PIC on extended leave (e.g., maternity, medical, etc.) and remain as the PIC during your absence, you are still responsible for the pharmacy's compliance with laws and regulations, unless the Board is notified of an interim PIC during your extended leave.

During recent inspections, the Board has noted an increase in the number of pharmacies failing to notify the Board when a PIC ceased acting as PIC. Pharmacies and PICs who fail to notify the Board when a PIC ceases acting as PIC are considered to be in violation of pharmacy law.

Board reports most common citations issued to licensees in fiscal year 2021/22

Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4314](#) authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to issue citations for violations of Pharmacy Law. Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 1775 to 1775.4 describe how the Board exercises this authority.

Citations are administrative actions; they are less serious than disciplinary actions (which may result in license probation, suspension, or revocation). The Board's [Enforcement and Compounding Committee](#) annually reports the most common violations that result in citations.

Most common citations in fiscal year 2021/22

Medication errors ranked as the top reason for citations issued to both pharmacies and pharmacists during the past fiscal year.

Pharmacies – Top Citations, FY 2021/22

Code Violation	Description	Number of Violations
CCR 1716	Medication error	141
BPC 4113(d)	Pharmacy shall notify Board in writing within 30 of when PIC disassociates	66
BPC 4113(a)	Pharmacy shall designate PIC in writing within 30 days	46
CCR 1764 / CIV 56.10	Unauthorized disclosure of prescription and medical information	41
CCR 1714(b)	Safe and secure pharmacy – maintain facilities, etc.	39
BPC 4305	Pharmacist shall notify Board no longer acting as PIC within 30 days	26
CCR 1707.3	Duty to review drug therapy	25
BPC 4081(a)	Records kept open for inspection for 3 years	22
CCR 1718	Controlled substances inventory available for 3 years	19
CCR 1761(a)	Erroneous or uncertain prescription	18

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Pharmacists – Top Citations, FY 2021/22

Code Violation	Description	Number of Violations
CCR 1716	Medication error	139
CCR 1714(b)	Safe and secure pharmacy – maintain facility	33
BPC 4306.5	Misuse of education by a pharmacist	24
CCR 1735.2	Compounding limitations and requirements	24
CCR 1764 / CIV 56.10	Unauthorized disclosure of prescription and medical information	22
CCR 1707.3	Duty to review drug therapy	19
CCR 1761	Erroneous or uncertain prescription	17
CCR 1718	Controlled substances inventory available for 3 years	16
BPC 4301(h)	Unprofessional Conduct – Self-administer Drugs or Alcohol	16
BPC 4081(a)	Records Kept Open for Inspection for Three Years	15

Intern pharmacists and pharmacy technicians were cited most often for unprofessional conduct stemming from self-use of dangerous drugs or alcohol, and for convictions of crimes substantially related to the practice of pharmacy.

Intern Pharmacists – Top Citations, FY 2021/22

Code Violation	Description	Number of Violations
BPC 4301(h)	Self-use of dangerous drugs or alcohol	3
BPC 4301(l)	Conviction involving drugs or alcohol	3
BPC 4306.5	Misuse of education	1
CCR 1746	Emergency contraception	1
CCR 1716	Medication error	1
BPC 4169(a)	Prohibited acts involving dangerous drugs or devices	1

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Pharmacy Technicians – Top Citations, FY 2021/22

Code Violation	Description	Number of Violations
BPC 4301(h)	Self-administer drugs or alcohol	91
BPC 4301(l)	Conviction of a crime substantially related to pharmacy	88
BPC 4301(f)	Commission of an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption	18
BPC 4301(k)	Convictions involving drugs or alcohol	12
BPC 4301(g)	Making false representations	9
BPC 4301(j)	Violation of any statute regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs	4
BPC 4301(q)	Subversion of an investigation	4
CCR 1708.2	Discontinuance of business	3
BPC 4115(a)	Technician supervision	2
BPC 4115(e)	Technician licensure	2

This information and additional details about the Board’s citation and fine program can be found in a slide presentation that is included in the Enforcement and Compounding Committee [meeting materials July 19, 2022](#). An archived [meeting webcast](#) also is available for viewing on the Enforcement Committee meeting page.

CPJE test dates

The Board of Pharmacy has posted [CPJE testing dates for 2022](#) online. To schedule an exam date within your eligibility period, go to [candidate.psiexams.com](#) or call (877) 392-6422.

Be sure you have the [required forms of identification](#) to take the exam and check out additional [CPJE information](#) on the Board’s website. Also [sign up to receive subscriber alerts](#) for important updates from the Board.

Mission statement

The California State Board of Pharmacy protects and promotes the health and safety of Californians by pursuing the highest quality of pharmacist care and the appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation and enforcement.

Law forbids quotas for pharmacy duties

California law prohibits a chain community pharmacy from setting certain types of quotas related to the duties of a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.

Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4113.7](#) forbids a pharmacy from setting a quota – which is defined as “a fixed number or formula” – regarding the duties of an individual pharmacist or pharmacy technician related to:

- Prescriptions filled.
- Services rendered to patients.
- Programs offered to patients.
- Revenue obtained.

In addition, BPC [section 4317](#) authorizes the California State Board of Pharmacy to take action against a pharmacy for violations of BPC section 4113.7.

If you believe a community chain pharmacy has established quotas for pharmacists or pharmacy technicians in violation of BPC section 4113.7, you may [file an online complaint with the Board of Pharmacy](#). Fill out the boxes on the form that apply to your complaint, including a description of your complaint. The Board evaluates and, if appropriate, investigates the substance of complaints received.

Note: Before filing a complaint, be aware of important information below regarding anonymous complaints, complainant



[Welcome to the General Online Complaint Form](#)

confidentiality, and whistleblower protections.

[Filing an Anonymous Complaint](#)

The Board welcomes and investigates all complaints received, including anonymous complaints. However, investigations of anonymous complaints may be difficult to investigate because investigators may need additional information from the complainant to establish facts necessary to prove a violation.

[Complainant Confidentiality](#)

Complaints filed with the Board generally are not considered public records under California’s Public Records Act, and the Board generally treats such complaints as confidential. However, the Board cannot guarantee the confidentiality of the substance of a complaint or the identity of complainants.

For example, if a complaint investigation results in disciplinary action against a pharmacy or other licensee, the Board may not be able to shield the complainant’s identity from discovery requests in administrative proceedings. Similarly, the information could be released in response to a subpoena issued in a case instituted under state or federal

law. There also may be other circumstances that could legally require the Board to release complaint information.

[Whistleblower Protections](#)

BPC section 4113.7 does not include whistleblower protections for licensees who file complaints. However, California labor laws provide general protections against retaliation for employees alleging employer violations of laws or regulations.

The [California Labor Commissioner’s Office](#) provides comprehensive information on [how to file a retaliation or discrimination complaint](#). The resources include a [listing of California labor laws that specifically prohibit retaliation](#) against employees who report a violation of noncompliance with a state or federal law or regulation. Complainants alleging retaliation may want to consult with knowledgeable labor law counsel regarding the specifics of their particular case.

The California Office of the Attorney General also provides resources for [whistleblowers](#), including a whistleblower hotline: (800) 925-5225. The office will refer callers to the appropriate government authority for review and possible investigation.

How is your stress level on the job?

Pharmacy Well-Being Index

Protecting the Mental Health of Pharmacy Professionals

While numerous resources have been developed to address physician and nurse well-being, psychological distress among pharmacy professionals has remained largely unacknowledged—until now.



Amid public reports of increasing workplace demands and burnout, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, many pharmacy professionals are using an online tool to help measure their personal levels of job stress and job satisfaction.

The [Pharmacist Well-Being Index](#) is a validated, self-assessment tool created by the Mayo Clinic and launched in 2019. Participants can log on via website or phone app and answer questions intended to assess several dimensions of distress and well-being related to work – including quality of life, fatigue, burnout, concern for a recent major medication error, and intent to leave the current job.

The tool is available to pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. Users can retake the assessment and track their well-being over time. **All answers are anonymous.** According to the index website, “All data is stored in secure cloud servers and provided to administrators in a de-identified aggregate format.”

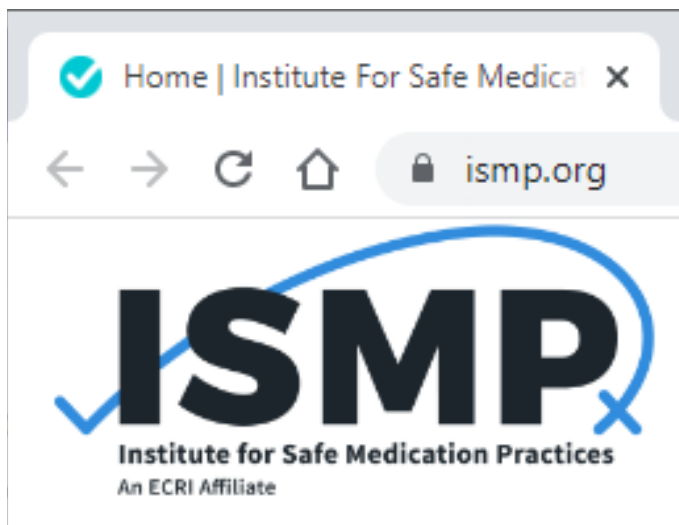
In addition, the index provides resources to assist users whose responses indicate risk of distress. The data collected also enable organizations to collect information to pinpoint causes of distress and make meaningful changes to maximize the mental health of participants.

The American Pharmacist Association (APhA) monitors data from the Well-Being Index to determine a “distress percent” for pharmacy personnel based on pharmacy personnel who score a well-being index greater than or equal to 5, which indicates a risk of high distress. According to APhA, pharmacy personnel who are at high risk of distress also have:

- a three-fold higher risk of low quality of life.
- an eight-fold higher risk of burnout.
- a 2.5-fold higher risk of high fatigue.
- a 2.5-fold higher risk of intent to leave their job.
- a two-fold higher risk of medication error.

APhA presented information about the Well-Being Index and other reports related to pharmacy workplace issues at the Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee meeting on June 22, 2022. Meeting materials and a [webcast recording](#) of the meeting are available under [Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee](#) on the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

ISMP can help reduce medication errors



The [Institute for Safe Medication Practices](https://www.ismp.org) (ISMP), a nonprofit organization dedicated entirely to preventing medication errors, provides pharmacists with many valuable tips, training materials, and other resources to help reduce medication errors and improve consumer safety.

As an independent watchdog, ISMP is widely respected among health care professionals as the gold standard in providing information about medication safety. Founded in 1994, its staff and advisory board include pharmacists, physicians, and nurses.

The organization's website, [ismp.org](https://www.ismp.org), is a portal to publications, tools and resources, and consulting and educational services to help health care professionals improve medication safety and reduce errors. Free resources for practitioners include a [List of Confused Drug Names](#) (medications with look-alike and sound-alike names) and a [List of Error-Prone Abbreviations, Symbols and Dose Designations](#), which have been misinterpreted and involved in harmful or potentially harmful medication errors.

ISMP's chief initiative is an [error reporting system](#) that enables health care practitioners and consumers to report medication and vaccine errors. The institute analyzes the information to identify causes and contributing factors to an error.

In turn, ISMP shares the lessons learned as well as ideas and techniques for preventing errors with health care professionals. The institute gets the word out through its newsletter, educational events, alerts published in syndicated trade journals, and mailing lists of health care organizations.

In addition, ISMP issues urgent advisories to a National Alert Network set up in cooperation with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and other members of the National Coordinating Council on Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCC MERP). These [NAN Alerts](#) warn health care providers through several national distribution channels about actual or potential medication errors that have recently caused serious harm or death.

ISMP also offers resources specifically for community pharmacies. [ISMP Medication Safety Self-Assessment for Community/Ambulatory Pharmacy](#) is intended to increase awareness of systems and practices related to a safe community pharmacy medication system. In addition, the institute publishes [ISMP Medication Safety Alert! Community/Ambulatory Care](#), a monthly newsletter for practitioners in ambulatory settings, including community pharmacies, specialty pharmacies, outpatient clinics, physician offices, and state institutions.

The Board of Pharmacy encourages licensees to visit and view information and resources available at ISMP's website to improve efforts to reduce medication errors and protect patient safety. A link to ISMP is posted under "[Important Information for Licensees](#)" on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

ISMP officials presented information about the organization and its resources to the Board's [Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee](#) January 27, 2022. Information about ISMP and its presentation can be found in the committee's meeting [materials](#), [minutes](#), and [webcast recording](#) on the Board's website.

Check prescribers with restrictions before dispensing

Checking the Medical Board of California's license verification site can provide detailed information on prescribers with pending accusations and/or any disciplinary action taken against their license, including any restrictions on prescribing controlled substances or revocation of license.

On the Board of Pharmacy's [homepage](#) under "Important Information for Licensees," there is a link to [prescribers with restricted authority for prescribing controlled substances](#), per [Health and Safety Code \(HSC\) section 11161.7](#). The list is typically updated each week with information provided by the Medical Board of California.

Additionally, [HSC section 11153\(a\)](#) states in pertinent part the following:

(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. ...

In conjunction, [Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations section 1306.03](#) states in pertinent part:

(a) A prescription for a controlled substance may be issued only by an individual practitioner who is:
(1) Authorized to prescribe controlled substances by the jurisdiction in which he is licensed to practice his profession. ...

When in doubt about the status of a prescriber's license status, it is best to verify. Failure to do so is a violation of pharmacy law and a failure to exercise corresponding responsibility as per HSC section 11153(a).

Diabetes test makers must post, report names of authorized distributors to Board

[BPC 4160.5](#) requires a manufacturer of nonprescription diabetes test devices to post the names of its authorized distributors on its website and to provide the California State Board of Pharmacy with the names for posting on the Board's website. In addition, any changes to its distributors must be posted on the manufacturer's website and reported to the Board within 30 days.



For the sake of convenience, the Board has created an email address that manufacturers of nonprescription diabetes test devices may use to provide the names of their authorized distributors to the Board: diabetestest@dca.ca.gov. To view distributors on the Board's website, click on the "Licensees" tab, go to "Important Information for Licensees," and click on "[Diabetes Test Devices](#)."

BPC 4160.5 was established by [Assembly Bill 602](#) (Chapter 139, Statutes of 2017), which generally defines a nonprescription diabetes test device as a glucose meter or test strip used in the treatment of prediabetic or diabetic individuals. The bill also contains related provisions, including a requirement that pharmacies that dispense these nonprescription products pursuant to a prescription retain records of their acquisition and sale for at least three years.

In addition, AB 602 authorizes the Board to embargo nonprescription diabetes test devices that were not purchased directly from the manufacturer or an authorized distributor. The law also makes it unprofessional conduct for a licensee to purchase such devices from an unauthorized distributor or to seek reimbursement for such devices that were not purchased from authorized sources.

Pharmacists need basic life support training to give immunizations

Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and basic life support can help save a life and teach you what to do in a cardiac emergency – but certification in basic life support is required by pharmacy law (Business and Professions Code [section 4052.8\(b\)\(2\)](#) to administer immunizations. A pharmacist must have a current basic life support certification to administer immunizations.

The key difference between basic life support and CPR qualification is the curriculum. Basic life support training is more intensive and complex than CPR training and includes a wider variety of medical training. A CPR course may be a precursor to a basic life support certification course.

CPR is an emergency life-saving procedure that is performed on people whose hearts have stopped beating. By compressing the chest and blowing air into the mouth, the person administering CPR may keep the heart beating and keep oxygen moving throughout the body until emergency medical service professionals arrive to administer more advanced techniques.

Basic life support is a level of medical care administered by public safety professionals, first responders, health care providers, paramedics, and qualified bystanders. In addition to CPR, basic life support training teaches how to use automated external defibrillators (AED) and relieve airway obstructions in patients of every age.

In California, a pharmacist must have a current basic life support certification to administer immunizations. A basic life support certificate typically is valid for only two years. The American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and other health and emergency response groups offer both CPR and basic life support training courses.

Free webinar training available to pharmacists furnishing HIV PrEP/PEP

The California State Board of Pharmacy has created free online training pharmacists may complete to furnish HIV pre-exposure (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, [section 1747](#).

Pharmacists were authorized to independently initiate and furnish HIV PrEP/PEP by [Senate Bill 159](#) (Weiner, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2019).

The training webinar, “HIV Pre-Exposure and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for California Pharmacists,” is presented by Betty J. Dong, PharmD., professor of clinical pharmacy and medicine at the University of California Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine. The webinar is about 90 minutes in length, including an assessment section at the end of the presentation.

Pursuant to CCR section 1747(a)(2), participants must obtain a **passing score of 70 percent or higher** on the assessment to receive a certificate of successful completion of the program. Pharmacists who successfully complete the training also will receive 1.5 hours of continuing education (CE) credit. **Those who do not view the entire 90-minute training program or do not obtain a passing score will not receive a certificate of completion nor CE credit.**

Note: Please allow enough time to complete the entire training program in one session to receive credit for viewing the entire webinar. Because of technical limitations, credit cannot be given for viewing the entire 90-minute training program in multiple discrete sessions.

Pharmacists may view the webinar at any time at the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov. To find a link to the webinar, scroll down to “What’s New” and click on “[HIV PrEP/PEP Training](#),” or click the “Licensees” tab at the top of the homepage and go to “[Important Information for Licensees](#).”

Updated 2022 pharmacy law webinar available to view online for CE credit

The [California Pharmacy Law Update 2022 Edition](#), a free continuing education (CE) webinar from the California State Board of Pharmacy, is now available for viewing online at www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

The webinar covers important pharmacy laws enacted by the Legislature that took effect this year. In addition, the presentation includes new regulations adopted by the Board; an overview of the Board's structure and activities;

and tips on how to find additional information about laws and regulations on the Board's website.

[California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1732.5\(b\)](#) requires at least two of the 30 hours of CE required for renewal of a pharmacist license be completed by participating in law and ethics courses provided by the Board of Pharmacy. In addition to the law webinar, a CE webinar on ethics is available for

viewing on the Board's website. Each webinar meets one of the two hours required for law and ethics CE courses provided by the Board.

To find the law and ethics webinars on the Board's website, click on the "Applicants" tab at the top of the homepage; go to "Important Information for Licensees"; and click on [Law and Ethics Webinars](#).

Scammers seek account information from licensees to divert drugs in transit

Pharmacies, hospitals, and distributors are being warned about scammers using sophisticated techniques to obtain account numbers and other sensitive information and unlawfully divert quantities of pharmaceutical goods in transit. In some cases, scammers pretended to represent the state's board of pharmacy or employees for a particular distributor or pharmacy.

The callers requested and obtained each pharmacy's DEA number and account purchasing information for their principal distributor. The scammers then called each distributor – pretending to be the pharmacy – and ordered between \$100,000 and \$300,000 worth of products. Common products ordered included a variety of HIV medications (Descovy, Triumeq, Odefsey) and Xarelto, Otezla, and Eliquis.

Once the products were delivered, the scammers called the pharmacy – pretending to be the distributor – and advised the pharmacy the order was made in error. The scammers then arranged for a courier to pick up the diverted product.

The Healthcare Distribution Alliance Pharmaceutical Cargo Security Coalition (HDAPCSC) has released a report about this problem: "[Fraud Alert: Distributor/ Customer Product Ordering Scheme](#)," Version 2 (Updated June 2022). The report discusses methods being used to divert drug shipments and tips for protecting distributors and pharmacies.



The California State Board of Pharmacy urges drug distributors and pharmacists to read the report and learn how to spot fraudulent activity and prevent drug diversion. The Board also reminds licensees never to give out sensitive information over the telephone – and in case of any doubts about the legitimacy of a caller, please contact the Board of Pharmacy directly at (916) 518-3100.



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California Health Workforce Research Data Center News Update

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), formerly known as the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, is partnering with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the California State Board of Pharmacy to collect important health workforce data. HCAI is the leader in collecting data and disseminating information about California's healthcare infrastructure. HCAI promotes an equitably distributed health workforce and publishes valuable information about healthcare outcomes.

With the passage of Assembly Bill 133 (Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), HCAI is launching the California Health Workforce Research Data Center (Center). The Center will serve as the state's central repository for health workforce data, and will collect, analyze, and distribute information on educational and employment trends for healthcare occupations in the state. An annual report will be produced discussing:

- Supply and demand of the health workforce
- Geographical distribution of the health workforce
- Diversity of the health workforce, by specialty (including, but not limited to, data on race, ethnicity, and languages spoken)
- Current and forecasted demand for healthcare workers, by specialty
- Educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and licensed healthcare workers, by specialty and by geographical distribution

HCAI, in partnership with the Board of Pharmacy and DCA, **has developed a workforce survey for licensees to complete during the electronic licensure renewal process. We are asking for your help with this important data collection effort by completing this survey at time of licensure renewal.** This data will help shape the future of health workforce policy in California. The workforce survey will be available beginning July 2022. HCAI plans to present data and findings from the Center at future Board of Pharmacy meetings, social media posts and other outlets.

We thank you for your time and consideration on this important effort. Please feel free to contact HCAI at workforcedata@hcai.ca.gov.

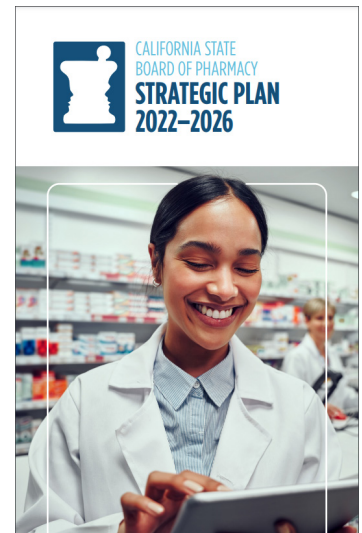
Board completes Strategic Plan 2022-26

The California State Board of Pharmacy has completed its [Strategic Plan 2022-2026](#), which is intended to guide the Board in its mission to protect and promote the health and safety of Californians by pursuing the highest quality of pharmacist care and the appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.

The Strategic Plan is a living document. It is updated on a regular basis to reflect changes in the Board's priorities as changes occur in public health, the marketplace, legislation, and other areas. The Board reviews the status of each goal in the plan annually and typically revises the plan every five years to incorporate necessary changes. The Board reviewed the plan at its meeting July 27-28, 2022, and made no changes to any of its strategic goals.

The Board carries out its mission of consumer protection through policies and initiatives proposed by its five standing committees: Communication and Public Education; Enforcement and Compounding; Legislation and Regulation; Licensing; and Organizational Development. Each committee discusses its respective goals and objectives based on the current and anticipated needs of consumers and the pharmacy profession.

The Strategic Plan 2022-2026 plan was completed after a comprehensive review by the Board. The process included a survey of stakeholders and Board staff, interviews with Board members, and a planning session facilitated by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Strategic Organization, Leadership, and Individual Development (SOLID).



The Board encourages stakeholders and the public to review its Strategic Plan and to monitor and support progress toward the goals and objectives established in the plan by participating in Board meetings, rulemakings, and other activities. Information about the Board's activities is posted on its website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov. In addition, stakeholders can sign up to receive emails with "[News and Information](#)" from the Board.

Board recognizes 40-year pharmacists

The California State Board of Pharmacy proudly celebrates licensed pharmacists who have dedicated 40 years of service or more to California consumers! Your decades of contributions to patient care and the pharmacy profession are widely acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

In honor of their service, pharmacists who have been on active status with the Board for at least 40 years will receive certificates of appreciation. Because of the high volume of eligible candidates, there may be a delay in issuing certificates.

The list of 40-year pharmacists also is posted on the Board's website. To see the names of these dedicated professionals, go the www.pharmacy.ca.gov, scroll down to "Important Information for Licensees," and click on [Congratulations to California's 40-Year Pharmacists!](#)



Board re-elects officers; 2 new members welcomed, 3 members say goodbye

The California State Board of Pharmacy has re-elected its officers to new terms. In addition, the Board has welcomed two new members and said good-bye to three members who recently left.

Officers

The Board re-elected Dr. Seung Oh as president, Dr. Maria Serpa as vice president, and Jignesh “Jig” Patel as treasurer. Each will serve one-year terms beginning June 1, 2022.

Dr. Oh, of San Diego, joined the Board in 2020. He has worked as a pharmacist, pharmacist-in-charge, and director of operations at retail pharmacies since 2014.

Dr. Serpa, of Elk Grove, joined the Board in 2018. She is a system support pharmacist at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, and previously held positions at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento and at Grossmont Hospital in San Diego.

Mr. Patel, of Roseville, joined the Board in 2020. He has been a division pharmacy manager for Safeway since 2006 and has held several pharmacy positions with the company since 1999.

New members

Dr. Jessica “Jessi” Crowley of Los Angeles was appointed to the Board of Pharmacy in May 2022 by Governor Gavin Newsom. Dr. Crowley has been a staff pharmacist for Pavilions Pharmacy since 2020. She held several positions for CVS Pharmacy from 2010 to 2020, including pharmacist-in-charge, staff pharmacist, and pharmacy intern.



Jessica Crowley

Dr. Renee Armendariz Barker of San Carlos was appointed to the Board by Governor Newsom in

June 2022. She is sterile products manager at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford and a member of the California Society of Health System Pharmacists and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. She earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from University of California, San Francisco.



Renee Armendariz Barker

Retired members

The Board recently said thank you and goodbye to members Lavanza Butler, Debbie Veale, and Shirley Kim.

Ms. Butler joined the Board in 2013. She was reappointed in 2013 and again in 2017. She was a pharmacist, vice president, and union representative with the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 770, since 2002. She previously was head pharmacist at Rite Aid Pharmacy from 1980 to 2002.

Ms. Kim was appointed to the Board in 2018. She was an associate attorney at Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP and previously was legislative director at the California Faculty Association from 2011 to 2013 and in the office of Assembly Member Henry T. Perea from 2010 to 2011. She served as senior legislative assistant for Assembly Majority Leader Alberto Torrico from 2007 to 2010.

Ms. Veale had been the longest-serving member at the time she left the Board. She was appointed to the Board in 2010 and reappointed in 2013 and 2017. She served on numerous Board committees, including as chairperson of the Licensing Committee. She also was director of payer relations for CVS Pharmacy since 2006, and from 1983 to 2006 she served in several positions with Albertsons/Sav-On Drugs.

Disciplinary terms explained

Accusation – An accusation is the document containing the charges and allegations of violations of the law that is filed when an agency is seeking to discipline a licensee.

Effective Date of Action – The date the disciplinary action goes into operation.

Revocation or Revoked – The license is taken back by the Board as a result of disciplinary action, and the licensee’s right to practice or operate a Board-licensed entity is ended.

Revoked, Stayed – The license is revoked, but the revocation is not effective as long as the licensee complies with specific probationary conditions, which may include a temporary suspension of the licensee’s right to practice.

Stipulated Settlement – The Board and a licensee mutually agree to settle a disciplinary case brought by the board by way of a settlement agreement.

Stayed – The revocation or suspension action is not immediately effective, and the operation or practice may continue so long as the licensee fully complies with any specified terms and conditions.

Probation – The licensee may continue to practice or operate a board-licensed entity under specific terms and conditions for a specific period of time.

Voluntary Surrender – The licensee has agreed to surrender his or her license, and the right to practice or operate a Board-licensed entity is ended. The Board may agree to accept the surrender of a license through a “stipulation” or agreement.

Suspension – The licensee is prohibited from practicing or from operating a Board-licensed entity for a specific period of time.

Suspension/Probation – The right to practice or operate is contingent on compliance with specific terms and conditions during the probationary period, including a term of suspension.

PC 23 Order Issued – The licensee is restricted from practicing or operating by the terms of a court order issued under the provisions of Penal Code section 23.

Public Reprimand – Resulting from a disciplinary action, the licensee is issued a letter of public reprimand.

Reinstatement of License – A previously revoked or suspended license is reinstated with or without specified terms and conditions.

Statement of Issues – A legal document that details the factual or legal basis for which a license was denied.

Disciplinary actions: January - June 2022

Click on the link to read the details of any case below.

January 1 – March 31, 2022

Personal Licenses

[Aghakhani, Artin, RPH 72110, AC 7035](#)

Sherman Oaks, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing incorrect prescriptions; dispensing refills without prescriber authorization;

dispensed prescriptions without the prescriber’s signature; dispensing a prescription containing an omission and uncertainty; failing to maintain accurate inventory and disposition records.

Action: Through a disciplinary action of the Board, the license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/19/2022.

[Aghakhani, Artin., RPH 72110, AC 7154](#)

Sherman Oaks, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to designate a pharmacist-in-charge; failing to maintain accurate inventory and disposition records.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/19/2022.

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[Akmal, Arash, RPH 60763, AC 6898](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain security by allowing non-pharmacists to work unsupervised and possess keys to the pharmacy; failing to have pharmacists receive and sign for drugs; falsely billing Medicare and insurance companies for drugs, and for making or signing false statements; failing to supervise pharmacy technicians; failing to maintain records of drug acquisition and disposition; inappropriate exercise of pharmacist education, training, or experience; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Alawdi, Farouq Ali, RPH 69106, AC 7149](#)

Oakland, CA

Cause for discipline: Violated probation by failing to report two arrests to the Board, failing to submit quarterly reports, failing to interview with the Board, failing to cooperate with probation; failing to provide proof of continuing education, failing to report unemployment, failing to reimburse Board costs, failing to pay probation monitoring costs, failing to submit approval for remedial education, and failing to comply with terms and conditions of probation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Alrass, Ghayda, RPH 49210, AC 7188](#)

Reno, NV

Cause for discipline:

Diverting dangerous drugs from pharmacy; furnishing dangerous drugs to herself without a prescription and failing to maintain security; being disciplined by another licensing agency.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Bachino, Jake W., RPH 67723, AC 6974](#)

Orcutt, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit; variation from a prescription; furnishing for himself controlled substances prescribed for other patients; obtaining controlled substances by fraud or deceit; illegal possession of controlled substances.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Bereliani, Tooraj, RPH 51817, AC 6994](#)

Sherman Oaks, CA

Cause for discipline: Deviating from prescription requirements; compounding preparations that copied commercially available drug products without documentation of a shortage or specific medical need; failing to meet corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substances despite irregularities and red flags; gross negligence for ignoring or not being aware of objective factors that were irregular from legitimate prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Bohenek, Katherine Y., RPH 49572, AC 6997](#)

Foothill Ranch, CA

Cause for discipline:

Inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist.

Action: The license shall be subject to public reproof. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Bohlinger, John F., EXC 17318, AC 6850](#)

Santa Fe Springs, CA

Cause for discipline: Excessive furnishing of controlled substances; delivering dangerous drugs not received or signed for by a pharmacist; delivering dangerous drugs to an unlicensed individual.

Action: The license is publicly reproofed. Effective 3/24/2022.

[Bui, Tai T., RPH 48096, AC 6990](#)

Cerritos, CA

Cause for discipline: Acting as PIC when false label placed on product, pharmacy reused returned medications, false expiration dates placed on prescriptions, pharmacy sold expired medication, pharmacy took back medications without registering with DEA as collector, pharmacy failed to have records of acquisition and disposition to account for multiple variances of medications; fraud.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Burchard, Amanda, TCH 115252, AC 7166](#)

San Bernardino, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substance; unprofessional conduct in stealing controlled

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substance from pharmacy.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Calderon, Melissa, TCH 119531, AC 7178](#)

Diamond Springs, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol; multiple misdemeanor convictions involving alcohol; failure to comply with citation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Cardenas, Melissa, TCH 105850, AC 7214](#)

Sylmar, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance; previous unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Carroll, David S., RPH 39533, AC 6518](#)

Bishop, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain pharmacy so that drugs are safely secured, resulting in shortages and overages of controlled substances; furnishing a controlled substance to himself; making erroneous report to CURES; failing to identify legitimacy of controlled substance prescriptions; failing to maintain patient profiles.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Carter, Frederick R., TCH 128166, AC 7189](#)

Sacramento, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to comply with conditions of

probation for previous violations related to DUI conviction and dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Castillo-Gonzales, Cesar A., TCH 91149, AC 7190](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failure to comply with conditions of probation for previous violations related to unlawful possession of controlled substance and theft.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Catalasan, Divina V., TCH 8711, AC 6830](#)

Cypress, CA

Cause for discipline: Convictions of fraud and grand theft related to making fraudulent claims for Medi-Cal, Medicare, and CalOptima payments; committing acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Clark, Nsharra Milae, TCH 178098, SI 7168](#)

Felton, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI convictions; unprofessional conduct; conviction of crimes related to professional duties; dangerous use of alcohol; self-administering a dangerous drug.

Action: The application for a pharmacy technician registration is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Da Silva, Jessica Nicole, TCH 42363, AC 7132](#)

Ventura, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substances; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Davalos, Kevin M., TCH 165427, AC 6954](#)

Rialto, CA

Cause for discipline: Convictions of extortion and contacting a minor to commit a crime.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Davis, Sabrina T., TCH 132864, AC 7202](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI convictions; misrepresenting criminal history on license renewal form.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Dhillon, Sanjit S., RPH 58780, AC 7026](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Acting as PIC during cases of pharmacy technician dispensing prescriptions to the wrong patient.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Doan, Tuan D., RPH 54387, AC 6980](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances are dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; dispensing

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controlled substances based on prescriptions containing significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities or alterations; failing to exercise or implement best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility when dispensing controlled substances; dispensing controlled substances prescriptions written on unauthorized forms; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years and a six-month suspension. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Enriquez, Filiberto M., TCH 150139, AC 7201](#)

Northridge, CA

Cause for discipline: Violating laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/30/2022.

[Feiles, Robert A., RPH 24131, AC 6952](#)

Studio City, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing as PIC to maintain pharmacy and facilities so that drugs are safely and properly maintained, etc.; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility by dispensing controlled substance prescriptions despite significant factors of irregularity suggesting the prescriptions were not legitimately written; conviction of a crime substantially related to professional duties as a

pharmacist.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Francisco, Melanie Y., RPH 63925, AC 6982](#)

Rancho Cordova, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to complete self-assessments; failing to report dispensed controlled substance prescriptions to CURES; failing to maintain security of controlled substances; failing to complete controlled substances inventory; failing to notify the Board of no longer acting as PIC; leaving pharmacy unattended, allowing non-pharmacist owner and pharmacy technician improper access to dangerous drugs and controlled prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Galaiian, Kalipse, TCH 97887, AC 7177](#)

North Hollywood, CA

Cause for discipline: Insurance fraud conviction; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; falsely representing the existence or nonexistence of facts.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Ghojehvand, Kambiz, RPH 55614, AC 7032](#)

Lake Forest, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain all records of acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs; failing to maintain a current inventory;

making a false document and making false statements to the Board.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Golden, Laurence K., RPH 30157, AC 6669](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline:

Dispensed irregular or uncertain prescriptions; filled controlled substance prescriptions written on noncompliant forms; offered for sale prescription manufacturing bottles that were overfilled and misbranded; possessed returned controlled substances without registering as authorized collector; failed to maintain operational standards and security of drugs; Medi-Cal violations; acting as unauthorized reverse distributor; subverting a Board investigation; failing to maintain required disposition records.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Gray, Melissa C., TCH 107620, AC 7174](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with conditions of probation related to convictions of burglary and credit card forgery.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Hoang, Daniel Phuong, RPH 59004, AC 6997](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline:

Inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist.

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Action: The license shall be subject to public reproof. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Holloman, Lisa Carol, RPH 47958, AC 6840](#)

Beaumont, CA

Cause for discipline: Operating a pharmacy without a permit; failing to contact the Board prior to transferring or selling any dangerous drugs, devices, or hypodermics inventory as a result of termination of business; presenting documents including forged signatures to the Board; failing to exercise education, training and experience to ensure appropriate licensure and ownership while acting as PIC; DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcoholic beverages.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Huerta, Sophia V., TCH 107625, AC 7185](#)

San Bernardino, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption related to domestic disturbance; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Hurtado, Janelle, Applicant, SI 7144](#)

Las Vegas, NV

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; consuming alcohol in a dangerous manner.

Action: The application for registration as a pharmacy

technician is denied. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Ibarra, Bianca, TCH 87178, AC 7205](#)

Pico Rivera, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; sustaining a second alcohol-related conviction; using alcoholic beverages in a dangerous manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/30/2022.

[Issakhanian, Melina, aka Melina Khalaj, TCH 14187, AC 6951](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain accurate records of drug acquisition and disposition; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Jensen, David Michael, RPH 30338, AC 6839](#)

Whittier, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to secure records of dangerous drugs and devices; as PIC, pharmacy technicians engaging in conduct that could only be performed by pharmacist; shipping prescriptions for dangerous drugs or devices to consumers outside California without being licensed to do so; incorrect labeling of compounded drugs; compounding or dispensing a product that varied from the prescription; unlawful dispensing of controlled substances; knowing solicitation of unlawful prescription; providing compensation or inducement for referring patients; unprofessional conduct; engaging in conduct involving moral turpitude,

dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; furnishing dangerous drugs and controlled substances without a prescription; failing to provide residential address to the Board; failing to certify compounding equipment and follow written policies and procedures; failing to train compounding personnel; failing to submit compounded end product for testing.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Joe, Melanie Denise, RPH 49712, AC 6997](#)

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing as PIC to implement a policy to prevent a system failure leading to an excessive and fatal dosage to a patient.

Action: The license shall be subject to public reproof. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Kim, Jason M., RPH 39008, AC 6878](#)

Panorama City, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to fulfill corresponding responsibility in filling prescriptions in the presence of objective factors suggesting the prescriptions were not written for legitimate purposes; dispensing controlled substances written on prescriptions contain significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration; failing to report information to CURES; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; billing insurance for prescriptions not dispensed; holding misbranded and adulterated drugs; failing to maintain operational

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standards and security; failing to label prescriptions with manufacturer's trade name of the drug; operating drug take-back service without DEA registration; failing to maintain separate inventories and records of all controlled substances; failing to record on DEA forms dates Schedule II controlled substances were received; failing to sign up for the Board's email notification list.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/30/2022.

[Kohanmehr, Elizabeth S., RPH 55358, AC 6994](#)

Encino, CA

Cause for discipline:

Compounding drug preparations that were a copy or essentially a copy of one or more commercially available drug products without documentation of a shortage or specific medical need to justify compounding these products; failing to fulfill corresponding responsibility by failing to resolve irregularities and red flags in dispensing controlled substances; gross negligence in ignoring objective factors which were irregular from medically legitimate prescriptions and operating the pharmacy in a manner that was a gross deviation from the standard of safe pharmacy practice.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Kolta, Mina A., RPH 62002, AC 7173](#)

Toluca Lake, CA

Cause for discipline: Felony

conviction for lying to federal agents investigating a criminal scheme to fraudulently bill government agencies for compounded drugs; committing dishonest acts; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Kong, Kevin M., RPH 39458, AC 6997](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline:

Inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist in transferring a prescription order from All Script to EPIC program.

Action: The license shall be subject to public reprimand. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Lapeyri, Sirinetr, RPH 45956, AC 7124](#)

Oro Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substances falsely self-dispensed; committing fraud or deceit; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Manthei, William, TCH 98226, AC 7142](#)

Alhambra, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction involving drugs; DUI conviction involving alcohol; making criminal threats; dangerous use of drugs or alcohol; having drug and alcohol related convictions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Martinez, Mark A., TCH 150553, AC 7161](#)

Moreno Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous use of a controlled substance; violating laws governing controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 1/19/2022.

[Mkrtchyan, Goar, TCH 21168, AC 6847](#)

Van Nuys, CA

Cause for discipline: Billing insurance companies and Medi-Cal for dispensing more drugs than purchased.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Mkrtchyan, Siranush, TCH 21613, AC 6847](#)

Van Nuys, CA

Cause for discipline: Billing insurance companies and Medi-Cal for dispensing more drugs than purchased.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/12/2021.

[O'Brien, Kevin J., RPH 72475, AC 6962](#)

Santa Clara, CA

Cause for discipline: Theft of controlled substances on the job.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 3/12/2021

[Padayao, Tita P., RPH 32781, AC 6946](#)

Cypress, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to submit required controlled substances information to CURES; failing to obtain prescriber authorization to refill dangerous drug; allowing unlicensed pharmacy manager to complete orally transferred prescriptions; holding misbranded drugs; holding

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expired drugs in inventory; failing to maintain records of dangerous drugs and devices; having prescription labels lacking the physical description of the dispensed medication; failing to maintain operational standards and security; failing to carry out corrective plan stated in self-assessment form.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until April 14, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Parikh, Shikha Sanjiv, RPH 72781, AC 6997](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline:

Inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist in failing to verify a treatment plan.

Action: The license shall be subject to public reproof. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Patel, Nital G., RPH 48678, AC 6980](#)

Corona, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances are dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; dispensing controlled substances based on prescriptions that contained significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities, or alterations; failing to exercise best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility when dispensing controlled substances;

unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Reyes, Elizabeth, TCH 145367, AC 6171](#)

El Monte, CA

Cause for discipline: Subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is publicly reproofed. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Rodriguez, Maribel Martinez, TCH 127502, AC 7170](#)

Riverside, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with conditions of probation for previous violations related to conviction for smuggling aliens into the United States and unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Romain, Mbemba P., TCH 135891, AC 7215](#)

Manteca, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of theft from pharmacy; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; unlawful possession of controlled substances; possessing controlled substance without a prescription.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 3/24/2022.

[Sandoval, Patrick Evan, TCH 156612, AC 7162](#)

Walnut, CA

Cause for discipline: Felony conviction for DUI causing great bodily injury; dangerous use of drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Sann, Vanessa, TCH 153469, AC 7106](#)

Stockton, CA

Cause for discipline: Diverting controlled substances and dangerous drugs from pharmacy; possessing controlled substance without prescription and for sale; possessing controlled substances without a valid prescription; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Santiago, Jr., Rogelio, TCH 67617, AC 7041](#)

Clovis, CA

Cause for discipline:

Committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; unlawfully obtaining controlled substances from pharmacy; unlawful possession of controlled substances; furnishing drugs without a valid prescription; self-administering controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Sarkisian, Armineh, RPH 54025, AC 6857](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain and produce a copy of current inventory of all dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct in signing a false stock-in-hand report; knowingly signing a false document; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is publicly reproofed. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Shergill-Hirsh, Antara, RPH 52264, AC 6518](#)

Incline Village, NV

Cause for discipline: As

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PIC failed to maintain safety and security of controlled substances; having overages of controlled substances; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions without verifying a legitimate medical purpose for the drugs; failing to maintain proper patient profiles.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Shlain, Len A., TCH 7291, AC 7179](#)
Studio City, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of grand theft for defrauding Medi-Cal; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Soliman, Marcos Adeeb, RPH 59078, AC 6171](#)

Diamond Bar, CA

Cause for discipline: As PIC violating pharmacist-pharmacy technician ratio requirement; violating pharmacy technician trainee ratio; pharmacist technician trainees not wearing proper ID; prescription labels printed with incorrect physical description of medication; possession of misbranded drugs; possession of adulterated drugs; subverting a Board investigation; failing to provide requested documents to the Board; making false statement to the Board; pharmacy technician not wearing proper ID; allowing unlicensed employee to prepackage prescription vials of medication; pharmacy created a false drug take-back box; signing a false statement.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Stetzer, Sallie A., RPH 68658, AC 6994](#)

Agoura, CA

Cause for discipline:

Compounding drug preparations that were a copy or essentially a copy of more commercially available drug products without documentation of a shortage and a specific medical need; failing to meet corresponding responsibility by repeatedly failing to resolve irregularities and red flags when dispensing controlled substances; gross negligence in ignoring objective factors which were irregular from medically legitimate prescriptions and operating the pharmacy in a manner that was a gross deviation from the standard of safe pharmacy practice.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Symonds, Abilene, TCH 21429, AC 7203](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of reckless driving; dangerous use of alcohol or drugs.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Tidwell, Charles M., RPH 38762, AC 7058](#)

Beaumont, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol; unlawful possession of controlled substances.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for

four years. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Vu, Jacqueline Duval, RPH 56257, AC 6796](#)

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: As PIC, failing to maintain a record of all of controlled substances on an inventory date and conduct DEA biennial inventory of controlled substances; acts of moral turpitude for billing patients' insurance for prescriptions which the patients did not request or approve; dispensing clearly excessive amounts of controlled substances; failing to maintain or produce required records of acquisition and disposition; failing to assure compounding quality; allowing pharmacist to act as PIC without being registered with the Board as PIC; dispensing unauthorized prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Vu, Luke Duval, RPH 54277, AC 6796](#)

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing unauthorized prescriptions; acting as pharmacy PIC without registering with the Board as PIC.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Williams, Benjamin Nathan, TCH 153369, AC 7158](#)

Marina, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful dispensing and possession of controlled substances from pharmacy; dishonesty; obtaining controlled substances by deceit;

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subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/19/2022.

[Wu, George G.H., RPH 45158, AC 6999](#)

Arcadia, CA

Cause for discipline:

Committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit in stealing dangerous drugs and other merchandise from employer; as PIC failed to secure pharmacy against theft of dangerous drugs or devices; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Zamora, Denise M., TCH 175789, AC 7165](#)

Visalia, CA

Cause for discipline:

Committing acts involving acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption in diverting controlled substances and dangerous drugs; unlawfully obtaining and possessing controlled substances without a prescription; furnishing dangerous drugs to herself and others without a prescription.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 1/5/2022.

Facility Licenses

[Aalpha Pharmacy, PHY 47556, AC 6990](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Reusing returned medications; placing false expiration date on prescription label; selling expired

medication; operating drug take-back service without DEA registration; failing to have records of drug acquisition and disposition; submitting fraudulent insurance claims.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until May 31, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Bell Drugs, PHY 30070, AC 6946](#)

Bell, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to transmit information to CURES; refilling and dispensing dangerous drugs without prescriber authorization; allowing unlicensed pharmacy manager to perform pharmacist duties; holding misbranded drugs; having expired drugs in inventory; failing to maintain records of dangerous drugs and devices; failing to have physical description of medication on prescription container label; failing to maintain pharmacy operational standards and security; failing to carry out corrective plan in self-assessment form.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until April 14, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 3/2/2022.

[Burbank Tower Pharmacy, PHY 53938, AC 7154](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing prescriptions that varied from original prescription; dispensing refills without prescriber authorization; failing to designate a new PIC within 30

days; failing to maintain accurate drug acquisition and disposition records.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed for 90 days from the effective date of the decision, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 1/19/2022.

[Care-Pro Pharmacy, PHY 51509, AC 6980](#)

Corona, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances are dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; dispensing controlled substances prescriptions containing significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities, or alterations; dispensing controlled substances from noncompliant prescription forms; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. The effective date shall be stayed until May 25, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Drug Depot, PHY 50418, AC 6796](#)

Montebello, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing unauthorized prescriptions.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until May 5, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Infuserve America Inc., NRP 928 and NSC 99521, AC 7060](#)

Saint Petersburg, FL

Cause for discipline:

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Misbranding compounded sterile preparations; failing to maintain quality of compounded sterile preparations; compounding adulterated preparations; incorrectly labeling compounded sterile preparations; compounding and selling preparations lacking quality; compounding drug products with ungraded and excipient graded raw material; failing to report complaints to the Board; failing to obtain ingredients from an FDA registered supplier.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 01/19/2022.

[Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy, PHE 54462, AC 7026](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unauthorized disclosure of prescriptions; furnishing medication varied from prescription; erroneously dispensing medication to wrong patient; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 3/9/2022.

[McKesson Drug Company, WLS 3076, AC 6850](#)

Santa Fe Springs, CA

Cause for discipline:

Excessive furnishing of controlled substances; delivering dangerous drugs not received or signed for by a pharmacist; delivering dangerous drugs to an unlicensed individual.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 3/24/2022.

[New Century Pharmacy, PHY 45171, AC 6878](#)

Panorama City, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to fulfill corresponding responsibility in filling prescriptions in the presence of objective factors suggesting the prescriptions were not written for legitimate purposes; dispensing controlled substances written on prescriptions contain significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration; failing to report information to CURES; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; billing insurance for prescriptions not dispensed; holding misbranded and adulterated drugs; failing to maintain operational standards and security; failing to label prescriptions with manufacturer's trade name of the drug; operating drug take-back service without DEA registration; failing to maintain separate inventories and records of all controlled substances; failing to record on DEA forms dates Schedule II controlled substances were received; failing to sign up for the Board's email notification list.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/30/2022.

[Pars Pharmacy, PHY 50931, AC 6898](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain security by allowing non-pharmacists to work unsupervised and possess keys to the pharmacy; failing to have pharmacists receive and sign for drugs; falsely billing Medicare and insurance companies for drugs, and for making or signing false statements; failing to supervise pharmacy technicians;

failing to maintain records of drug acquisition and disposition; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Prestige Pharmacy and Medical Supplies, PHY 44595, AC 6847](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to complete and maintain inventories of dangerous drugs for three years; failing to conduct reconciliation reports of all Schedule II controlled substances at least every three months to prevent the losses; billing insurance companies and Medi-Cal for dispensing more drugs than actually purchased; repeatedly failing to resolve irregularities and red flags of illegitimacy in dispensing controlled substances; gross negligence by ignoring or not being aware of objective factors that were irregular from medically legitimate prescriptions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Quality Care Pharmacy, PHY 43441, AC 6830](#)

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: License holder convicted of fraud and grand theft related to making fraudulent claims for Medi-Cal, Medicare, and CalOptima payments; committing acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Razi Specialty Pharmacy Inc., PHY 50295, AC 7032](#)

Mission Viejo, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain all records of

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acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs; failing to maintain a current inventory; making a false document and making false statements to the Board.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Remedy Drugs, PHY 42129, AC 6951](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain accurate records of drug acquisition and disposition; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until May 5, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 1/5/2022.

[Safeway Pharmacy #1266, PHY 52234 and PHY 37147, AC 6518](#)

Truckee, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to report PIC absence to the Board; failed to produce power of attorney form; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions without verifying a legitimate medical purpose for the drugs; reporting erroneous information to CURES; PIC self-furnished controlled substances; failed to maintain premises safely and securely, resulting in shortages and overages of controlled substances; failed to maintain patient profiles.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 2/2/2022.

[Santa Maria Community Pharmacy, PHY 50309, AC 6171](#)

El Monte, CA

Cause for discipline: Violating pharmacist-pharmacy technician ratio requirement; violating pharmacy technician trainee ratio; pharmacist technician trainees not wearing proper ID; prescription labels printed with incorrect physical description of medication; possession of misbranded drugs; possession of adulterated drugs; subverting a Board investigation; failing to provide requested documents to the Board; making false statement to the Board; pharmacy technician not wearing proper ID; allowing unlicensed employee to prepackage prescription vials of medication; pharmacy created a false drug take-back box; signing a false statement.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Sutter Fairfield Surgery Center, CLN 1557, AC 6900](#)

Fairfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with the requirements for inventory reconciliation; failing to complete biennial inventory of all controlled substances.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 3/12/2021.

[Tailormade Compounding LLC, NRP 1885 and NSC 101012, AC 7091](#)

Nicholasville, KY

Cause for discipline: Conviction of unlawful distribution of unapproved drugs into interstate commerce; violation of federal law regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs; violation of pharmacy law; subject to discipline in other

states; use of noncompliant bulk drug substance; adulterated preparations; acts of dishonesty; unlicensed activity; posting public communications containing dishonest, fraudulent, and deceptive statements; unlawful advertising; unlawful shipping into California without biologics license.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 3/9/2022.

[Ten Pharmacy, PHY 53619, AC 6796](#)

Long Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain a record of all of controlled substances on an inventory date and conduct DEA biennial inventory of controlled substances; acts of moral turpitude for billing patients' insurance for prescriptions which the patients did not request or approve; dispensing clearly excessive amounts of controlled substances; failing to maintain or produce required records of acquisition and disposition; failing to assure compounding quality; allowing pharmacist to act as PIC without being registered with the Board as PIC; dispensing unauthorized prescriptions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Tower Pharmacy, PHY 53607, AC 7035](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation from prescription; dispensing refills without prescriber authorization; incomplete prescription content; dispensing prescriptions containing

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omission or uncertainty; failing to maintain accurate disposition and inventory records.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 1/19/2022.

[Truecare Pharmacy, PHY 51885, AC 7173](#)

Corona, CA

Cause for discipline:

Shareholder/officer/PIC convicted of lying to federal officials investigating fraud scheme; shareholder/officer/PIC committed dishonest acts; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 2/2/2022.

[University of California Irvine Medical Center, HPE 49819 and LSE100230, AC 6997](#)

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to implement policy to prevent a system failure leading to excessive and fatal dosage to the patient; inappropriate exercise of the education, training, or experience as a licensed hospital pharmacy and sterile compounding facility.

Action: The license shall be subject to public reproval. Effective 01/05/2022.

[Valley View Rexall Drugs, PHY 9951, AC 6839](#)

La Mirada, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to secure prescription department and pharmacy key; employing pharmacy technicians performing pharmacist-only activities; shipping dangerous drugs outside California without a license; incorrect labeling of

compounded drug products; failing to meet prescription labeling requirements; variation from prescription; unlawful dispensing of controlled substances using preprinted multiple-checkoff blanks; knowing solicitation of unlawful prescription; providing compensation or inducement for referring patients; violating state and federal laws; engaging in conduct involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; dispensing dangerous drugs and controlled substances without a valid prescription; failing to certify compounding equipment and follow written policies and procedures; failing to train compounding personnel; failing to submit compounded end product for testing.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/24/2022.

[Victory Tampa Medical Pharmacy, PHY 22006, AC 6952](#)

Reseda, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured, and distributed; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substances despite significant factors of irregularity suggesting the prescriptions were not legitimately written.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 2/2/2022.

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Personal Licenses

[Ahmed, Wafa, INT 38087, AC 7196](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct in failing to comply to successfully complete Pharmacist Recover Program treatment contract related to DUI conviction.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Askarifar, Salvia, RPH 59903, AC 7090](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility in filling controlled substance prescriptions for five patients; failing to report controlled substance prescriptions to CURES.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Bajaj, Harminder, RPH 62181, AC 7024](#)

Millbrae, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to display original and renewal pharmacy license; failing to display Notice to Consumers in public view; failing to wear name tag; failing to ensure pharmacy equipment is properly maintained and inspected; having expired drugs in active inventory and unlabeled medications stored in prescription vials; failing to properly certify compounding equipment and follow policies and procedures; PIC failing to perform annual review of compounding policies and procedures; failing to complete pharmacy self-assessment; failing to complete compounding self-assessment;

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failing to maintain master formula documentation; failing to document ongoing compounding training; mislabeling compounded drugs; failing to perform end-product testing of compounded drugs; repeatedly failing to complete compounding self-assessment despite notice from the Board; providing inaccurate and dishonest documents to Board inspector.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Bjorndal, Shawn J., RPH 65593, AC 6638](#)

Carlsbad, CA

Cause for discipline:

Obstructing patients from obtaining prescription drugs; failing to comply with laws of another state when delivering drugs to patients in that state; deviating from prescription requirements; failing to validate uncertain prescription; failing to review patient drug therapy and medication records; unprofessional conduct.

Action: Within 60 days of the effective date, the third amended accusation is withdrawn and licensee shall comply with terms of the order regarding an ethics course, payment of administrative costs, and approval of pharmacist consultation requirements. Effective 4/1/2022.

[Bola, Jasbindar K. TCH 170129, AC 7099](#)

Elk Grove, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unlawful possession of controlled substances without a prescription; unlawful self-furnishing controlled substances; committing acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption by stealing controlled substances from pharmacy; obtaining controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Boncato, Kristine Cassan Deguia, TCH 85595, AC 7112](#)

American Canyon, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct; dangerous use of drugs; convictions of DUI involving a drugs, child abuse involving a passenger under 14 years of age.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 5/11/2022.

[Brown, Clara Frances, RPH 37924, AC 7110](#)

Santa Rosa, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to have training and competency records readily available; permitting an unlicensed individual to act as pharmacy technician; using expired active pharmaceutical ingredients; using active ingredient not obtained from FDA registered supplier; dispensing misbranded and/or adulterated drugs; failing to assign proper beyond-use dates; failing to acquire and/or retain certificates of purity or analysis for chemicals, bulk drug substances, and drug products used in compounding; using

ingredients lacking a supplier's expiration date in a nonsterile compounding drug preparation more than three years after receipt of those ingredients; sale of misbranded medications; failing to maintain records of disposition of dangerous drugs; subverting a Board investigation; failing to prepare adequate master formula document for compounding drug preparations; failing to evaluate and maintain evidence of pharmacy technician's compounding skills and training; inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist; failing to comply with conditions of probation imposed for previous violations.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 6/1/2022.

[Chang, Henry Han-Ning, RPH 64395, AC 7139](#)

Monterey Park, CA

Cause for discipline:

Inappropriate exercise of education, training, or experience as a pharmacist by violating COVID-19 vaccination protocols, requirements, and procedures; failing to comply with prescriber protocols and/or all state and federal recordkeeping and reporting requirements in initiating and administering the COVID-19 vaccine; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 5/25/22.

[Fox, Edward, RPH 28768, AC 6351](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Giving incorrect beyond-use date to a nonsterile compound; prescription labels missing

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required information; dispensing drugs unapproved by FDA from unlicensed entities; dispensing adulterated drugs.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/11/2022.

[Gaytan Flores, Jimena, G. TCH 175846, AC 7180](#)

Lynwood, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of possession of a controlled substance for sale; possession of controlled substances/ dangerous drugs; furnishing controlled substances/ dangerous drugs; violating drug statutes; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Gilmore, Leola Jean, TCH 93670, AC 7105](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct; self-administering a controlled substance; violation of laws regulating controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/27/2022.

[Goh, Yoke G., RPH 55539, AC 7133](#)

Redding, CA

Cause for discipline:

Allowing unlicensed person to act as pharmacy technician; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Heimberg, William M., RPH 36236, AC 7074](#)

Ukiah, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report dispensed controlled substances to CURES; failing to maintain proper compounding records; dispensing prescriptions that differed in dosage from the original orders; unprofessional conduct; making false representations.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/20/2022.

[Hickmon-Mitchell, Tabitha M., RPH 80308, AC 7126](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Self-furnishing a dangerous drug without a prescription; possessing a controlled substance without a prescription; falsifying a prescription; forgery.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 4/27/2022.

[Ismaeil, Mohamed Sayedhafez A., RPH 78558, AC 6641](#)

Turlock, CA

Cause for discipline: Possessing and self-administering a controlled substance without a valid prescription; act involving moral turpitude and substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a pharmacist; DUI conviction involving a drug.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 4/27/22.

[Jana, Amit-Kumar, RPH 60363, AC 6995](#)

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline:

Fraudulently back-dating self-assessment; failing to

comply with pharmacist-to-pharmacy-technician ratio; failing to maintain inventory and accountability of dangerous drugs; failing to maintain accurate prescription records; failing to report drug theft to the Board; failing to complete compounding self-assessment; failing to timely reassess compounding staff training; failing to timely validate staff competency in aseptic technique; failing to timely re-evaluate gloving practices; failing to use monthly sporicidal agent; failing to complete initial competencies before compounding; failing to ensure proper training of compounding staff; failing to maintain cleaning logs.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Kim, Brian S., RPH 65658, AC 6979](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain accurate current inventory of all dangerous drugs; incompetence or gross negligence; unprofessional conduct; failing to record quantity and receipt dates of drug shipments; not exercising education, training, or experience as a pharmacist and failing to use best professional judgment when dispensing controlled substances; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility to ensure dispensing controlled substances only for legitimate medical purposes; clearly excessive furnishing

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of controlled substances; dispensing prescriptions for controlled substances containing significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities, or alterations.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 4/27/2022.

[Kiran, Janita, TCH 64948, AC 7193](#)

Tracy, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol; conviction of more than one misdemeanor involving the use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 6/23/2022.

[Lee Jr., Lawrence, TCH 51981, AC 7118](#)

Vallejo, CA

Cause for discipline: Using alcohol in a dangerous manner; DUI conviction.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/27/2022.

[Lewis III, Demar, RPH 37541, AC 6904](#)

Woodland Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report dispensing controlled substances to CURES; permitting pharmacy technician to process new prescriptions and refill prescriptions while working from home; providing drug take-back services without DEA registration; failing to maintain security, enabling non-pharmacist operations manager to open pharmacy and allow pharmacy technicians in with no pharmacist present; failing to meet facility and

equipment standards for sterile compounding.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Mangeac, Sorin S., TCH 160854, AC 7068](#)

Roseville, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; having more than one conviction involving the use of alcohol; using alcohol in a dangerous manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 6/9/22.

[Nasr, Mina Nasr Ayad, RPH 78315, AC 6975](#)

Pleasanton, CA

Cause for discipline: Improper reconstitution of compounded drug preparations; failing to keep complete compounding records; failing to prepare complete master formula document; compounding sterile preparations after room renovations without waiting for environmental sampling results; compounding sterile preparations after a change in the primary engineering control without ensuring personnel demonstrated competency.

Action: The license is publicly improved. Effective 5/25/22.

[Ngo, Haiduong, RPH 54675, AC 7025](#)

Huntington Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Gross negligence in repeatedly furnishing prescriptions for controlled substances despite obvious and systemic red flags indicating the prescriptions were not issued for a legitimate medical purpose; excessive furnishing of controlled

substances; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility requirement; failing to exercise or implement best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility when dispensing controlled substances; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Nguyen, Audrey D., RPH 55124, AC 7065](#)

Costa Mesa, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to exercise corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances were dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; deviating from the standard of care to an extreme degree with respect to filling controlled substance prescriptions; making or signing a false statement; engaging in acts involving dishonesty, deceit, corruption and/or moral turpitude related to controlled substance prescriptions; excessive furnishing of controlled substances; failing to consult appropriate patient, prescription, or other records in filling controlled substance prescriptions; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions containing significant irregularities; filling controlled substance prescriptions written on improper forms; deviating from prescriber directions for use; filling or dispensing prescriptions that did not conform with the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

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Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 5/11/2022.

[Nguyen, Richard Q., RPH 56415, AC 7065](#)

Costa Mesa, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to exercise corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances were dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; deviating from the standard of care to an extreme degree with respect to filling controlled substance prescriptions; making or signing a false statement; engaging in acts involving dishonesty, deceit, corruption and/or moral turpitude related to controlled substance prescriptions; excessive furnishing of controlled substances; failing to consult appropriate patient, prescription, or other records in filling controlled substance prescriptions; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions containing significant irregularities; filling controlled substance prescriptions written on improper forms; deviating from prescriber directions for use; filling or dispensing prescriptions that did not conform with the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; inappropriate exercise of education, training and/or experience in the practice or operation of pharmacy; failing to exercise best professional judgment in dispensing controlled substances.

Action: The license is

surrendered. Effective 5/11/2022.

[Patel, Bhupesh D., RPH 46189, AC 7140](#)

Buena Park, CA

Cause for discipline:

Committing acts of dishonesty or deceit; failing to maintain security of dangerous drugs and controlled substances; failing to complete pharmacy self-assessment; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to possess pharmacy keys; failing to provide direct supervision of pharmacy technicians; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 6/1/2022.

[Patel, Jignasa N., RPH 70082, AC 7140](#)

Placentia, CA

Cause for discipline:

Committing acts of dishonesty or deceit; failing to maintain security of dangerous drugs and controlled substances; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to possess pharmacy keys; failing to provide direct supervision of pharmacy technicians; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 6/1/2022.

[Ramos, Danny Horatio, TCH 45834, AC 7222](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; failing to comply with terms of probation for discipline related to previous DUI conviction.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/11/2022.

[Rodriguez, Jesus, TCH 120876, AC 7151](#)

Escondido, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of committing a lewd act upon a child; conviction of crimes involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 6/1/22.

[Shah, Anandkumar N., RPH 67046, AC 7066](#)

Loma Linda, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct for varying from the requirements of a prescription, unauthorized disclosure of a prescription, failing to reverse insurance claims for prescriptions older than 14 days, and failing to document or maintain appropriate temperature logs, compounding logs, compounding policies and procedures, compounding facilities and equipment, compounding training, and inventory reconciliation; deviating from prescription requirements; unauthorized disclosure of prescription information; failing to properly maintain temperature logs for medication kept in cold storage; failing to properly maintain drug compounding logs; failing to properly maintain drug compounding policies and procedures; engaging in hazardous drug compounding in an area with inadequate facilities and equipment; failing to comply with compounding training requirements; failing to properly perform controlled substance inventory reconciliation.

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Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Singh, Amanveer, TCH 136678, AC 7219](#)

Ceres, CA

Cause for discipline: Violating laws and regulations governing controlled substances and dangerous drugs; self-furnishing a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/25/22.

[Steck, Andrew E., EXC 19164, AC 7135](#)

Allenwood, NJ

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct in selling 947,800 unit doses of controlled substance diet drugs to five physicians without reporting sales to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; violation of another state's laws regarding controlled substances.

Action: The license is publicly improved. Effective 5/25/22.

[Tabaroki, Talia, RPH 71444, AC 7090](#)

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility in filling controlled substance prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Tadros, Hanny M., RPH 42160, AC 6779](#)

La Verne, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing

controlled substances pursuant to faxed copies of prescriptions without first obtaining and reviewing the original manually signed prescription document; dispensing controlled substances pursuant to hard copy prescription documents not compliant with Health and Safety Code section 11162.1; dispensing controlled substance with undated prescription; dispensing dangerous drugs in incorrectly labeled container; dispensing prescriptions containing significant irregularities, uncertainties, or ambiguities; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances are dispensed for legitimate medical purpose; having expired and misbranded medication in active dispensing stock; failing to report change of ownership; delivering prescriptions to an unlicensed pharmacy; unprofessional conduct in misrepresentation of facts; acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; subverting an investigation.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Torrez, Valerie, TCH 95583, AC 7150](#)

Porterville, CA

Cause for discipline: Use of alcohol in a dangerous manner; more than one conviction involving use of alcohol; DUI convictions.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 6/30/2022.

[Trinh, David C., RPH 49268, AC 6806](#)

San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing fraudulent prescriptions and refills without prescriber authorization; failing to ensure the integrity and authenticity of prescriptions and refills; excessive furnishing of controlled substances; acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; dispensing unlawful prescriptions; self-furnishing controlled substances; falsifying controlled substance prescriptions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Tse, Cecilia, RPH 46128, AC 7038](#)

Santa Clarita, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain current inventory of dangerous drugs; dispensing prescriptions for large quantities of dangerous drugs without validation; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Weekes, Sean Brian, RPH 70114, AC 7007](#)

Lafayette, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain records regarding dangerous drugs and account for overages and shortages; failing to maintain security of dangerous drugs inventory.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 5/25/2022.

Facility Licenses

[Animal Solutions Pharmacy Inc., PHY 54438, AC 7110](#)

Santa Rosa, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain records related

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to training and competency evaluation process for pharmacy personnel in a readily retrievable form; employing unlicensed pharmacy technician; keeping expired active pharmaceutical ingredients and inactive ingredients in the active inventory; obtaining active pharmaceutical ingredient from supplier not registered with FDA; dispensing misbranded or adulterated drugs; failing to assign proper beyond-use dates; failing to acquire or retain certificates of purity or analysis for chemicals, bulk drug substances, and drug products used in compounding; using packages of ingredients lacking an expiration date in a non-sterile compounding drug preparation more than three years after receipt; selling misbranded medications; failing to maintain and make available for inspection records of disposition of dangerous drugs; subverting a Board investigation; failing to prepare adequate master formula; failing to evaluate and maintain evaluation documentation for pharmacy personnel; failing to comply with conditions of parole for earlier disciplinary action.
Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 6/1/2022.

[APS Pharmacy, NSC 99796 and NRP 1286, AC 7119](#)

Palm Harbor, FL

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain safe environment for compounding sterile drug products; failing to maintain facility standards for sterile

compounding; failing to provide documentation to support extension of beyond-use date for sterile drug preparation; failing to maintain the quality of a compounded sterile preparation; adulterated preparations.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 4/27/22.

[Blue Drug, PHY 46487, AC 7074](#)
Ukiah, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report dispensed controlled substances to CURES; failing to maintain proper compounding records; dispensing prescriptions that differed in dosage from the original orders; unprofessional conduct; making false representations; failing to pay citation fine.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/20/2022.

[Care4U Pharmacy, PHY 56024, AC 7024](#)

Daly City, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to display original and renewal pharmacy license; failing to display Notice to Consumers in public view; failing to ensure pharmacy equipment is properly maintained and inspected; having expired drugs in active inventory and unlabeled medications stored in prescription vials; failing to properly certify compounding equipment and follow policies and procedures; PIC failing to perform annual review of compounding policies and procedures; failing to complete pharmacy self-assessment; failing to complete compounding self-assessment; failing to maintain master formula documentation;

failing to document ongoing compounding training; mislabeling compounded drugs; failing to perform end-product testing of compounded drugs.
Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Children's Hospital & Health Center Pharmacy, LSC 100603, AC 7123](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Variation from ordered prescription; using incorrect compounding label; allowing unskilled or untrained pharmacy technician to compound preparation.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated. Effective 5/25/22.

[Hallandale Pharmacy, NRP 962, AC 7010](#)

Hallandale, FL

Cause for discipline: Failing to disclose owner and to timely disclose change of ownership and change of address to the Board; submitting application with false ownership information; disciplinary action in other states; violation of state and federal laws; conviction of introducing misbranded drugs into interstate commerce.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 6/23/2022.

[Hallandale Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7031](#)

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Cause for discipline: Failing to disclose owner and to timely disclose change of ownership and change of address to the Board; submitting application with false ownership information; disciplinary action

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in other states; violation of state and federal laws; conviction of introducing misbranded drugs into interstate commerce.

Action: The application for a nonresident pharmacy permit is denied. Effective 6/23/2022

[Jana Healthcare Pharmacy, PHY 50759, AC 6904](#)

Cause for discipline: Failing to report controlled substance information to CURES; pharmacy technician processing prescriptions from an unlicensed location; providing drug take-back services without DEA registration; opening pharmacy and allowing pharmacy technicians to enter drug area without pharmacist present; failing to notify Board when PIC stopped acting as PIC; allowing non-licensed pharmacist to act as manager or PIC; failing to comply with facility and equipment standards for sterile compounding; failing to comply with sterile compounding attire; failing to comply with compounding policies and procedures; failing to provide evidence of compounding training; failing to provide records of media-fill tests and gloved fingertip testing performed in association with media-fill tests; failing to provide records of daily cleaning of sterile compounding facilities and equipment; failing to maintain records of dangerous drugs and devices.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Jana Healthcare Pharmacy, LSC](#)

[100684, AC 6904](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report controlled substance information to CURES; pharmacy technician processing prescriptions from an unlicensed location; providing drug take-back services without DEA registration; opening pharmacy and allowing pharmacy technicians to enter drug area without pharmacist present; failing to notify Board when PIC stopped acting as PIC; allowing non-licensed pharmacist to act as manager or PIC; failing to comply with facility and equipment standards for sterile compounding; failing to comply with sterile compounding attire; failing to comply with compounding policies and procedures; failing to provide evidence of compounding training; failing to provide records of media-fill tests and gloved fingertip testing performed in association with media-fill tests; failing to provide records of daily cleaning of sterile compounding facilities and equipment; failing to maintain records of dangerous drugs and devices.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Martek Pharmacal Co., OSD 5010 and OSD 7820, AC 7135](#)

Lakewood, NJ

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct in selling 947,800 unit doses of controlled substance diet drugs to five physicians without reporting sales to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; violation of another state's laws regarding controlled substances; out-of-

state discipline.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 5/25/22.

[Medcare LTC Pharmacy, PHY 51633, AC 7140](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain security of dangerous drugs and controlled substances; failing to complete pharmacy self-assessment; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to possess pharmacy keys; failing to provide direct supervision of pharmacy technicians; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 6/1/2022.

[Medical Square Pharmacy, PHY 36470, AC 6351](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Allowing an unauthorized person to possess and use the pharmacy key to access the pharmacy; operating without a valid license or permit; failing to maintain compounding facilities and equipment; filling prescriptions missing the physical description of the dispensed medication; filling prescriptions with labels missing required information; holding adulterated medications in active stock; compounding prescriptions with incorrect beyond-use dates; obtaining and dispensing and/or compounding misbranded drugs; holding and dispensing adulterated drugs; failing to maintain a current inventory and records of acquisition and disposition; furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription.

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Action: The license is revoked. Effective 5/11/2022.

[OptumRx, PHY 47482, AC 6638](#)
Carlsbad, CA

Cause for discipline:

Obstructing patients in obtaining prescription drugs; failing to comply with the laws of another state when delivering drugs to a patient in that state; substituting a more expensive generic drug for the less expensive brand-name drug; deviating from prescription requirements; dispensing an uncertain prescription without contacting the prescriber; failing to review patients' drug therapy and medication records; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for one year. Effective 4/1/2022.

[Preferred Compounding Pharmacy, PHY 54528, AC 7038](#)
Granada Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain current inventory of dangerous drugs; dispensing prescriptions for large quantities of dangerous drugs without validation; failing to maintain records related to dangerous drugs; failing to notify the Board before transferring inventory of dangerous drugs; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Reliable Rexall Sunset Pharmacy, PHY 54552, AC 7007](#)
San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing

to maintain records regarding dangerous drugs and account for overages and shortages; failing to maintain security of dangerous drugs inventory.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Sal Pharmacy, PHY 54465, AC 7090](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility requirement in filling 15 controlled substance prescriptions; failing to report controlled substance prescriptions to CURES.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 5/25/2022.

[Skilled Nursing Pharmacy, PHY 49974 and LSC 99561, AC 6975](#)
Hayward, CA

Cause for discipline: Incorrect reconstitution of compounded drug preparation; failing to keep complete compounding records; failing to prepare complete master formula document; failing to maintain operational standards and security; compounding sterile preparations after renovating compounding room without waiting for environmental sampling results; compounding after a change in the primary engineering control without first ensuring compounding personnel demonstrated competency on aseptic technique and aseptic area practices.

Action: The license is publicly reproved. Effective 5/25/22.

[The Druggist #2, PHY 46167, AC](#)

[6779](#)

Huntington Beach, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing controlled substances pursuant to faxed copies of prescriptions without first obtaining and reviewing the original manually signed prescription document; dispensing controlled substances pursuant to hard copy prescription documents not compliant with Health and Safety Code section 11162.1; dispensing controlled substance with undated prescription; dispensing dangerous drugs in incorrectly labeled container; dispensing prescriptions containing significant irregularities, uncertainties, or ambiguities; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility to ensure controlled substances are dispensed for legitimate medical purpose; having expired and misbranded medication in active dispensing stock; failing to report change of ownership; delivering prescriptions to an unlicensed pharmacy; unprofessional conduct in misrepresentation of facts; acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; subverting an investigation.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Top Drugs Pharmacy, PHY 55878, AC 7025](#)

Garden Grove, CA

Cause for discipline: Gross negligence in repeatedly furnishing prescriptions for controlled substances despite obvious and systemic red flags indicating the prescriptions were not issued for a legitimate

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medical purpose; excessive furnishing of controlled substances; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility requirement; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. The surrender shall be stayed until July 20, 2022, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 4/21/2022.

[Total Care Pharmacy, PHY 51586, AC 7066](#)

Beaumont, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct for varying from the requirements of a prescription, unauthorized disclosure of a prescription, failing to reverse insurance claims for prescriptions older than 14 days, and failing to document or maintain appropriate temperature logs, compounding logs, compounding policies and procedures, compounding facilities and equipment, compounding training, and inventory reconciliation; deviating from prescription requirements; unauthorized disclosure of prescription information; failing to properly maintain temperature logs for medication kept in cold storage; failing to properly maintain drug compounding logs; failing to properly maintain drug compounding policies and procedures; engaging in hazardous drug compounding in an area with inadequate facilities and equipment; failing to comply with compounding training

requirements; failing to properly perform controlled substance inventory reconciliation.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 4/13/2022.

[Ventura County Medical Center, HPE 55601, AC 7020](#)

Ventura, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing expired drug to patients.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated. Effective 4/27/22.

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All are invited to participate at Board, committee meetings

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- **August 25:** Standard of Care Committee.
- **August 25:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **August 25:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **September 14:** Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee.
- **September 21:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **October 4:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **October 18:** Licensing Committee.
- **October 19:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **October 25:** Standard of Care Committee.
- **October 25-26:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **November 16:** Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee.
- **December 14:** Board of Pharmacy.