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New year brings changes for pharmacy laws in 2023



Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed a variety of bills adding or amending laws that govern the practice of pharmacy in California. Unless specified otherwise, the new laws take effect January 1, 2023.

Many of the key provisions are summarized below, along with information regarding how the Board will implement each law. Click on the Assembly bill (AB) number or Senate bill (SB) number to read the full text of each new law. A [compilation of statutory changes in Pharmacy Law for 2023](#) also is posted on the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

AB 852 Health Care Practitioners: Electronic Prescriptions (Wood, Chapter 518, Statutes of 2022)

This law makes changes to e-prescribing requirements in California, including:

1. Provides authority for pharmacies, pharmacists, and authorized practitioners to decline to dispense or furnish an electronic

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By Seung Oh, President, Board of Pharmacy

Happy new year to pharmacy consumers, licensees, and stakeholders on behalf of the California State Board of Pharmacy! Almost three years of caring for our patients and communities during a global pandemic has challenged all of us in so many ways. Even so, we have reasons to be optimistic as we look ahead to 2023.

A key source of optimism for all Californians is the declared [end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency](#) in California on February 28, 2023. Four active waivers related to pharmacy licensees and issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs are also set to expire on February 28, 2023. However, expiration dates for five active waivers approved by the Board have been extended to May 28, 2023. Information about Pharmacy Law waivers is posted and updated regularly under "[COVID-19 Information](#)" on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov. You also can read about the COVID-19 waivers in this issue of The Script.

As always, the new year also brings new laws governing the practice of pharmacy in California. The cover article of this newsletter highlights some of the key changes in Pharmacy Law. In addition, a [compilation of statutory changes in Pharmacy Law in 2023](#) is also posted on the Board's website.

One important new law is AB 852, which creates additional exemptions to the requirements for the use of electronic data transmission prescriptions, or e-prescriptions. To implement the law, the Board has established an [online registry for health care professionals](#) to register for exemptions pursuant to the new law. In addition, the Board has created an [online confirmation registry](#) to verify a health care professional has registered for an exemption to the e-prescription requirements. Both registries can be accessed on the Board's website.

Meanwhile, to respond to a request by the Legislature during the Board's last sunset review, the Board's [Standard of Care Committee](#) is discussing and considering whether California should move from its current hybrid enforcement model to a standard of care enforcement model. The Committee has received and provided presentations, reviewed actions taken by other jurisdictions, considered research, and held robust discussions on related policy questions. The Board looks forward to hearing the report of the Committee and approving and presenting its findings in a report to the Legislature, as required by law.

In addition, the [Medication Error Reduction and Workforce Committee](#) is completing its first year of considering best practices for improving patient safety and links between medication errors and workplace stress and burnout among licensees. A key resource highlighted by the committee is the [Pharmacist Well-Being Index](#), an online tool to help pharmacy professionals measure their personal levels of job stress and connect with resources to help improve their job satisfaction.

This year, the [Enforcement and Compounding Committee](#) is expected to resume its review of the Board's compounding regulations, following recent revisions to USP Chapters 795 and Chapter 797. Business and Professions Code [section 4127](#) requires the Board to review and determine if any changes to its sterile compounding regulations are needed to comply with revisions to Chapter 797. This mandate is central to the Board's mission statement to "(protect and promote) the health and safety of Californians by pursuing the highest quality of pharmacist's care and the appropriate use of pharmaceuticals. ..."

We hope you enjoy and learn important information from articles in The Script. We also invite you to stay informed and to participate in policy matters, [Board and committee meetings](#), regulations, and other important activities by [subscribing to receive "News and Information" alerts](#) from the Board. Finally, we wish you and your loved ones excellent health, happiness, and prosperity in the new year.

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prescription submitted via software that does not meet specified requirements.

2. Creates additional exemptions from electronic prescriptions as specified.
3. Requires a prescriber exempt from electronic prescribing to register annually with the Board and state they meet one or more of the specified criteria.
4. Exempts the prescription transfer requirements under specified conditions.

To implement the law, the Board created an [online registry for health care professionals](#), including each prescriber's name, license number, email address, and claimed exemptions. While the Board is responsible for maintaining the registry, each prescriber board is responsible for enforcement. In addition, the Board has created a separate [online confirmation registry](#) for verifying a health care professional has registered for an exemption to the e-prescription requirements.

Both registries can be accessed under "Quick Hits" on the homepage of the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

AB 2914 Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians: Continuing Education: Cultural

Competency

(Ward, Chapter 958, Statutes of 2022)

This law requires that, effective January 1, 2024, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must complete at least a one-hour course in cultural competency during the two years preceding the application period. The measure also prohibits the Board from renewing a pharmacist or pharmacy technician license unless the individual has completed the course. The law also authorizes the Board to issue an inactive license to a pharmacist who does not submit proof of compliance with continuing education (CE) requirements and establishes provisions for reactivating the pharmacist license.

Because existing laws and regulations do not set CE requirements for pharmacy technicians, the Board may establish a similar process for renewing pharmacy technician licenses to implement the new law. Development of regulations necessary to implement these regulations will be done through the Board's Licensing Committee in meetings in 2023.

SB 872 Pharmacies: Mobile Units (Dodd, Chapter 220, Statutes of 2022)

This law allows a county, city and county, or two special hospital authorities to operate a mobile unit as an extension of the pharmacy license held. The measure authorizes the mobile unit to dispense prescription medications (except controlled substances) under specified

conditions and requires notification to the Board 30 days before beginning use and 30 days before discontinuing use of a mobile unit.

To implement the law, staff will develop a standardized notification process. In addition, the Board's Communication and Public Education Committee will develop FAQs to provide direction on operational issues.

SB 988 Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law

(Hueso, Chapter 242, Statutes of 2022)

This law will repeal the requirement that a hospital manage a terminal patient's personal use of medical cannabis in the same manner as Schedule II-IV drugs.

SB 1346 Surplus Medication Collection and Distribution (Beck, Chapter 886, Statutes of 2022)

This law expands the entities that are eligible to donate medications to include a county operating a surplus medication collection and distribution program. The law also will establish pilot programs in specified counties to allow for the expansion of county run programs. The measure requires the Board to evaluate the pilot program and prepare a report to the Legislature on January 1, 2028.

The Board's Enforcement and Compounding Committee will receive updates on implementation efforts.

Waivers issued by Board set to continue 90 days after COVID emergency ends

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced the [State of Emergency](#) declared in California on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic – and associated Executive Orders [N-39-20](#) and [N-75-20](#) – will end on February 28, 2023.

Under its own authority, the Board has been approving waivers pursuant to authority provided in Business and Professions Code section 4062. As provided in this section of the law, the Board may elect to continue to waive application of any provisions for up to 90 days following termination of the declared emergency.

The California State Board of Pharmacy currently has five active Pharmacy Law waivers. [These waivers](#) are set to expire May 28, 2023 (90 days after the California emergency ends) and are posted under “[COVID-19 Information](#)” on the Board’s [website](#):

- [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\(a\)\)](#)
- [Mass Vaccination Sites](#)
- [Remote Processing \(BPC section 4071.1\(a\)\)](#)
- [Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Intern Pharmacists and General Supervision and Interprofessional Supervision - Immunizations - BPC section 4114](#)
- [Prescriber Dispensing Medication to Emergency Room Patient \(BPC sections 4068\(a\)\(1\), 4068\(a\)\(5\) and 4068\(a\)\(6\)\)](#)

In addition, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) currently has four active waivers related to pharmacy licensees, which also are posted under “[COVID-19 Information](#)” on the Board’s website. These waivers will expire February, 28, 2023.

- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacists Independently Initiating and Furnishing Paxlovid to Individual Patients](#)
- [Order Waiving Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacies, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Ordering, Collecting Specimens for, and Performing COVID-19 Tests](#)

Please check the Board’s website for any updates. More detailed information about the end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency also is available in the Governor’s [press release](#).

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SB 212 targets sharps waste

[Senate Bill 212](#) (Chapter 1004, Statutes of 2018) established a statewide program to provide safe and convenient disposal options for pharmaceutical drugs and home-generated sharps waste at no cost to consumers. The program is funded by covered entities, including manufacturers, distributors, and other entities defined in Public Resources Code (PRC) [section 42030\(f\)](#).

SB 212 requires retail pharmacies to make a reasonable effort to serve as authorized collectors as part of a pharmaceutical stewardship program. If the minimum threshold for a collection system described in PRC [section 42032.2\(a\)\(1\)\(F\)](#) is not met in a county in which a retail pharmacy chain has store locations, the retail pharmacy chain must have at least one location or 15 percent of its store locations (whichever is greater) in that county serve as authorized collectors in a pharmaceutical stewardship program. Please review PRC sections 42030 to 42036 for more information regarding the obligation of pharmacies under this 2018 law.

The sharps waste stewardship programs established by SB 212 can provide pharmacies with free mail-back sharps waste containers to distribute to consumers to dispose of home-generated sharps. In addition, customers may request free mail-back sharps waste containers from program operators online or by calling a toll-free phone number.

Pharmacies are a critical component to making this program successful and improving efforts to enable Californians to safely dispose of pharmaceutical drugs and sharps waste. The California State Board of Pharmacy encourages pharmacies to consider participating in the program. Please visit and view resources available at [CalRecycle's website](#) and contact CalRecycle at PharmaSharpsEnforcement@calrecycle.ca.gov for information about how to participate in the program.

USP revises chapters 795, 797

USP has announced the publication of revisions to [General Chapter <795>](#) Pharmaceutical Compounding – Nonsterile Preparations and [General Chapter <797>](#) Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations.

USP has posted a [summary of updates to the compounding chapters](#), as well as [FAQs for Chapter <795>](#) and [FAQs for Chapter <797>](#). Both chapters are expected to become official November 1, 2023, to allow for a one-year implementation from the publication date, although USP encourages early implementation. With the publication of the finalized chapters, the Enforcement and Compounding Committee will resume reviewing the Board's current compounding regulations to determine if any changes are appropriate as required by Business and Professions Code section 4127.

Additional information is available under [New and Updated Notices](#) at USP's website, www.usp.org.

HSP/DRM licenses can renew online

The California State Board of Pharmacy is excited to announce that hospital and drug room facility licenses with an HSP and DRM prefix can now be renewed on the Board's website with a credit card.

Online payments can be made no earlier than 60 days before the license expiration date. Please allow two business days for processing.

To [renew a HSP / DRM license online](#), go to https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/licenses/renew_lic.shtml.

FDA offers online compounding help

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has created an online center to help outsourcing facilities, pharmacy compounders, and related stakeholder improve the quality of compounded prescription drugs for human use.

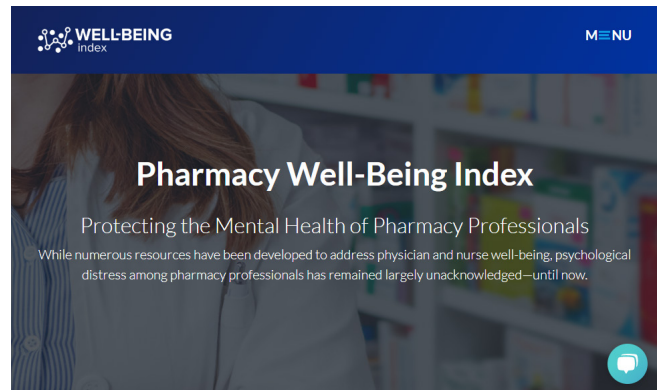
The FDA [Compounding Quality Center of Excellence](#) offers a variety of programs that promote quality, education, research, and communication on compounded drugs. Because compounded drugs are not reviewed by the FDA for safety, effectiveness, or quality before they are marketed, they present unique risks. FDA experts at the center work with compounders, regulators, and pharmacy associations to help provide high-quality drugs for patients.

Programs created by the center to help compounders and stakeholders include:

- [On-Demand Training](#) – This includes self-guided, online courses offering continuing education, webinar recordings, and presentation slides on compounding topics.
- [Live, Instructor-Led Training Programs](#) – These multi-day trainings are offered on a limited basis and provide continuing education credits. Early registration is recommended.
- [Annual Conferences](#) – These events are held virtually and are free and open to the public.
- [Stakeholder Group Meetings](#) – These meetings convene industry experts to share individual perspectives on compounded drug quality, production, demand, and clinical use.

Click the links above to go directly to these programs, or visit the FDA website at www.fda.gov and follow links from the homepage to Drugs > Guidance, Compliance & Regulatory Information > Human Drug Compounding > Compounding Quality Center of Excellence.

Well-being site can help licensees



The California State Board of Pharmacy is concerned about the well-being of licensees at work and its impact on medication errors.

Do you feel stressed? How is your job satisfaction? Are you burned out? Do you worry about medication errors related to stress or fatigue?

The Board encourages licensees to take advantage of the [Pharmacist Well-Being Index](#), an online tool intended to measure personal levels of job stress and satisfaction. Participants can log on to the index website or phone app to answer questions intended to assess several dimensions of distress and well-being related to work – including quality of life, fatigue, burnout, concern about a recent medication error, and intent to leave the current job.

The index 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.**

More information about the Well-Being Index is available in the [August 2022 issue](#) of The Script.

Board welcomes members Chandler, Jha

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Trevor L. Chandler of San Francisco and Kartikeya “KK” Jha of Fresno to the Board of Pharmacy in September.



Trevor L. Chandler

Mr. Chandler, a public member, has been director of government affairs and public policy at Citizen since 2022. He was regional outreach director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee from 2017 to 2022 and

an associate regional field director at the Human Rights Campaign from 2011 to 2017. He previously was compliance director at Paul Hodes for the U.S. Senate and a community outreach representative for the office of Congressman Paul Hodes.

He is a member of Equality California’s Board of Advisors and the San Francisco Eastern Neighborhoods Community Advisory Committee. His term expires in 2025.

Mr. Jha, a licensee member, has been district director of operations at Omnicare – a CVS Health Company since 2019. He was director of operations at NimbleRx from 2018 to 2019.



Kartikeya Jha

He earned a master of science degree in pharmacology and toxicology from Long Island University. His term expires in 2024.

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!](#)



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.

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Personal Licenses

[Acharya, Shivan, RPH 76346, AC 6802](#)

Orange, CA

Cause for discipline: Subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 9/28/2022.

[Ahadi, Kambiz, RPH 72851, AC 6989](#)

Burbank, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with security form requirements for controlled substances; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility requirement; failing to consult records to prevent dispensing illegitimate prescriptions; failing to maintain patient-specific records; excessive furnishing of controlled substances.

Action: The license is publicly

reprimanded. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Arreola, Cynthia Lizbeth, TCH 139326, AC 7273](#)

Lancaster, CA

Cause for discipline: Violating statutes regarding controlled substances; committing acts of moral turpitude; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 9/28/2022.

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[Avakyan, Aram, RPH 39095, AC 7200](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction for a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of an intern pharmacist; use of dangerous drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 9/28/2022.

[Benjamin, Hany S., RPH 58261, AC 6934 and AC 6935](#)

Laguna Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; aiding or abetting unlicensed wholesale activity; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Benjamin, Genevieve S., RPH 58193, AC 6934](#)

Laguna Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; aiding or abetting unlicensed wholesale activity; purchasing or warehousing drugs from an unlicensed wholesaler; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the

license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Callaway, Chester L., RPH 44064, AC 7198](#)

Sun City, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime – assault with a deadly weapon, use of a dangerous and deadly weapon, stalking, and lewd conduct; committing acts of moral turpitude.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 7/6/2022.

[Carabantes, Alisia Lira, TCH 28141, AC 7026](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing medications to the wrong patient on three occasions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for one year. Effective 8/18/2022.

[Chang, Virginia, RPH 31744, AC 7184](#)

Covina, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain records of dispensing pharmacist for each prescription; filling controlled substance prescriptions lacking required watermark and lot number; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in filling controlled substance prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Davidson, Christopher Mayford, TCH 146276, AC 7227](#)

Wasco, CA

Cause for discipline: Stealing controlled substances for self-use; unprofessional conduct in furnishing controlled substances for self-use; obtaining controlled substances by fraud or deceit;

illegal possession of controlled substance.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Dykes, Katrina M., TCH 181671, AC 7271](#)

Magalia, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substance; theft of a controlled substance tablet from patient's prescription vial; criminal conviction for petty theft.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 9/28/2022.

[Dela Pena, Jayrald Bautista, TCH 71442, AC 7278](#)

La Puente, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 9/28/2022

[Ebeid, Fadi Atef Nassar., RPH 69962, AC 6935](#)

Palm Desert, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; improperly transferring and warehousing expired and unexpired dangerous drugs; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to sign for and receive dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 8/24/2022.

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[Feng, Daniel, RPH 54152, AC 7121](#)

La Canada, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct in employing pharmacy technician who falsified prior authorization forms to obtain Medi-Cal coverage for patients.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 7/16/2022.

[Friedman, Benjamin, RPH 32590, AC 7077](#)

Westlake Village, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts of moral turpitude; insurance fraud; subverting a Board investigation.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 7/6/2022.

[Gonzalez, Jose Dejesus, TCH 145518, AC 7281](#)

Altadena, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; using alcohol and/or controlled substance in a dangerous or injurious manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 9/28/2022 .

[Gumbs, Pamela, RPH 29485, AC 6318](#)

Oakland, CA

Cause for discipline: Storing expired drugs intermingled with active drug stock; failing to complete and maintain controlled substance inventories; failing to report loss of controlled substance to the Board; failing to maintain or produce required drug records; failing to properly prepare master compounding formula; improper beyond-use dating of compounded drugs;

failing to maintain a compounding record documenting the manufacturer, expiration date, and lot number of each component; failing to provide documentation of staff training; failing to have compounding quality assurance plan; dispensing controlled substances ordered on forms lacking required security features; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substances; dispensing drugs in mislabeled prescription containers.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 9/28/2022.

[Israel, Roland, RPH 47379, AC 7042](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing controlled substances written on deficient and noncompliant prescription forms; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substance prescriptions despite multiple cues of irregularity and uncertainty related to patient and prescriber factors, and failing to ensure controlled substances were dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose; unprofessional conduct in failing to ensure the legitimacy of controlled substance prescriptions dispensed.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Malinis, Carol Ann T., RPH 43114, AC 7048](#)

San Leandro, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to explain or account for

the disposition or loss of medication tablets; failing to report dispensed controlled substance prescriptions to CURES; attempting to subvert a Board investigation; having a pharmacy technician sign for and receive dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Martin, Gary Edward, RPH 24981, AC 6802](#)

Redwood City, CA

Cause for discipline: Maintaining records identifying an unlicensed pharmacist as a dispensing pharmacist for prescription transactions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 9/28/2022.

[Nava, Ashley-Marie Leo, TCH 148434, AC 7226](#)

Bakersfield, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of controlled substances and dangerous drugs; committing acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, and deceit; unprofessional conduct in possessing controlled substances and dangerous drugs by means of theft; unprofessional conduct in violating pharmacy regulations.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 7/16/2022.

[Osterman, Scott Donald, TCH 171689, AC 7250](#)

Santa Rosa, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of driving with blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher; using alcohol in a manner dangerous to himself or others; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 7/6/2022.

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[Padilla, Angela S., TCH 127163, AC 7246](#)

San Jacinto, CA

Cause for discipline: Unlawful possession of methamphetamine; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Patel, Purva Malay, RPH 65038, AC 7113](#)

Upland, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain accurate records of acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/31/2022.

[Patel, Samir A., RPH 70613, AC 6773](#)

Eastvale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain a current inventory of a dangerous drug; failing to report losses of promethazine with codeine to the Board; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Popat, Ashok, RPH 39954, AC 7046](#)

Diamond Bar, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to timely complete pharmacy self-assessment form; failing to complete compounding self-assessment before compounding; permitting unlicensed pharmacy technician to perform compounding; failing to complete controlled substance inventory; failing to ensure

non-sterile compounding hood and compounding room were properly exhausted and certified; allowing pharmacy to dispense diabetic supplies pursuant to pre-printed prescription forms that did not indicate the specific number of items prescribed; allowing an unlicensed pharmacy staff member to sign for dangerous drugs; storing controlled substances in an unlocked drawer with the key in the possession of an unlicensed pharmacy manager; allowing the pharmacy to send compounded prescription medications to the original prescribing doctor's office for shipment to out-of-state patients; failing to place the pharmacy's prescription labels on compounded medication bottles; not providing any notice or offer of consultation to patients who were shipped certain compounded medications; dispensing a compounded product with a component ingredient that failed to meet the required stated potency; applying beyond-use dates that exceeded component ingredient's expiration date; failing to ensure pharmacy had a gauge to continuously monitor and maintain negative pressure in the compounding room; failing to timely notify the Board he was no longer serving as PIC; failing to properly maintain patient prescription records; failing to notify the Board of pharmacy closure before its discontinuance of business; failing to arrange for storage of prescription records at a Board-licensed facility after pharmacy was evicted; failing to arrange for transfer of pharmacy's inventory of dangerous drugs and

controlled substances to another licensed premises; failing to exercise professional judgment, training, and experience as a PIC. **Action:** The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 7/26/2022.

[Sajadi, Shahab, RPH 72295, AC 6989](#)

West Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Deviation from prescription requirements; failing to document an oral or electronic data transmission prescription; failing to ensure controlled substances were dispensed in accordance with security form requirements; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substances; failing to consult the appropriate patient, prescription, and other records pertaining to the performance of a pharmacy function; failing to fully maintain and retain appropriate patient-specific information pertaining to the performance of a pharmacy function.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Sanchez, Bertha, TCH 56093 AC 7206](#)

Adelanto, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with terms of probation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 7/6/2022.

[Sedlacek, Julie A., RPH 63612, AC 7155](#)

Bentonville, AR

Cause for discipline: Two DUI convictions; dangerous use of

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alcohol; multiple misdemeanor convictions involving alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Smith, Lisa N., RPH 69812, AC 6934](#)

Whittier, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts; knowingly making or signing false documents; purchasing or warehousing drugs from an unlicensed wholesaler; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to sign for and receive dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Tehrani, Ali Assadi, TCH 133181, AC 7064](#)

Thousand Oaks, CA

Cause for discipline: Convictions for assault with a deadly weapon and leaving the scene of an accident; committing acts of moral turpitude; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 09/28/2022.

[Tovar, Rodolfo, TCH 177126, AC 7253](#)

Ontario, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of driving while having 0.08 or greater blood alcohol content; dangerous use of alcohol.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Vaghani, Nileshkumar B., RPH 70111, AC 6336](#)

Riverside, CA

Cause for discipline: Offering misbranded drug for sale; dispensing prescriptions containing significant irregularities, uncertainties, or ambiguities; failing to maintain patient's medication profile; creating false prescriptions; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Vu, Kevin T., RPH 52934, AC 7164](#)

Fountain Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substance prescriptions; dispensing prescriptions with significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities, or alterations; dispensing controlled substances prescriptions issued on noncompliant forms.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Wee, Timothy R., RPH 49478, AC 7184](#)

Kokomo, IN

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with terms of probation, including participating in pharmacist recovery program, random drug testing protocols, and reporting use of prescription drugs.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Wehmeier, Patrick R., RPH 67093, AC 7182](#)

Moorpark, CA

Cause for discipline: Knowingly signing a false document; use

of alcoholic beverages in a dangerous manner; incurring license discipline in Missouri that would be grounds for discipline in California; incurring license discipline in Oregon that would be grounds for discipline in California; actions or conduct that would warrant license denial in California.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/5/2022

Facility Licenses

[AON Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7230](#)

Ft. Myers, FL

Cause for discipline: Applicant failed to disclose California medical license; signing a false document; violation of laws governing pharmacy.

Action: The application for a nonresident pharmacy license is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued and immediately publicly reprovved. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Ararat Pharmacy, PHY 49984 and PHY 54471, AC 7121](#)

La Canada, CA

Cause for discipline: Falsifying prior authorization forms.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 7/16/2022.

[Camino Capistrano Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7022](#)

San Juan Capistrano, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The application for a pharmacy permit is denied.

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[ChoiceCare Pharmacy, PHY 57291, AC 7048](#)

South San Francisco, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with operational standards and security resulting in loss of prescription medication tablets; failing to report controlled substances dispensed; failing to have PIC file timely self-assessment report; attempting to subvert a Board investigation; allowing pharmacy technician to sign for and receive dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is publicly reprovved. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Covina Pharmacy, PHY 31167, AC 7148](#)

Covina, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain records of dispensing pharmacist for each prescription; filling controlled substance prescriptions lacking required watermark and lot number; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in filling controlled substance prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Doctor's Choice Pharmacy, PHY 51460, AC 7113](#)

Upland, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain accurate records of acquisition and disposition of various dangerous drugs.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 8/31/2022.

[Mia Care Pharmacy, Applicant, SI 7102](#)

San Juan Capistrano, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The application for a pharmacy permit is denied. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Molina's Pharmacy, PHY 46603, AC 7053](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with operational standards and security resulting in a negative variance; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption by failing to maintain purchase records to support the quantities of controlled substances and dangerous drugs; failing to timely notify Board of change of ownership.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Premier Life Pharmacy, PHY 55533, AC 7164](#)

Fountain Valley, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with corresponding responsibility for controlled substance prescriptions; dispensing prescriptions with errors or irregularities; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions written on unauthorized forms.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 8/24/2022.

[RE Community Pharmacy, PHY 55522, 6934](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing

dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; purchasing or warehousing drugs from an unlicensed wholesaler; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 8/24/2022.

[RE Pharmacy, PHY 56970, AC 6934](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; allowing pharmacy technicians and clerks to sign for and receive dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Resell Pharmaceuticals LLC, Applicant, SI 6929](#)

Irvine, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The application for a wholesaler license is denied. Effective 8/24/2022.

[River's Edge Pharmacy, PHY 49157, AC 6935](#)

Palm Desert, CA

Cause for discipline: Committing dishonest, fraudulent and deceitful acts in violation of group purchasing organization participation agreements; making or signing false documents;

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improperly transferring and warehousing expired and unexpired dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 8/24/2022.

[Scriptsrus Pharmacy, PHY 52078, AC 7042](#)

Encino, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing controlled substances written on deficient and noncompliant prescription forms; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substance prescriptions despite multiple cues of irregularity and uncertainty related to patient and prescriber factors, and failing to ensure controlled substances were dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Vista Care Pharmacy, PHY 53478, AC 6991](#)

Victorville, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substances; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions issued on noncompliant forms.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for four years. Effective 8/4/2022.

[Woodland Hills Rx Pharmacy, PHY 55843, AC 6989](#)

Woodland Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Deviating from the requirements of a prescription; failing to document an oral or electronic data transmission prescription; dispensing controlled substance prescriptions not written on proper security forms and missing nearly all required security features; failing to comply with corresponding responsibility in dispensing controlled substance prescriptions with irregularities; excessive furnishing of controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 8/4/2022.

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Personal Licenses

[Ali, Kahlid H., RPH 61560, AC 7192](#)

Riverside, CA

Cause for discipline: Holding expired drugs in the active drug stock and drugs purchased from an unlicensed person; purchasing drugs from an unlicensed person; failing to maintain records of drug acquisition and disposition; failing to maintain security of drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years. Effective 12/14/2022.

[Averbukh, Stephanie, RPH 67571, AC 7077](#)

Valley Glen, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; subverting a Board investigation; failing to timely reduce oral or electronic data transmission prescriptions to writing.

Action: The license is publicly reprimanded. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Chanthaluxay, Maricar, TCH 63721, AC 6953](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Inability to practice safely.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Cortez, Myrna B., RPH 46795, AC 6863](#)

Pasadena, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to maintain acquisition records for thousands of generic Ultracet tablets; receiving controlled substances without having a pharmacist or authorized personnel sign a receipt showing the type and quantity of controlled substances received; failing to properly maintain pharmacy facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment; holding or offering for sale misbranded drugs; holding or offering misbranded drugs; failing to maintain acquisition and disposition records for dangerous drugs; having container overfills, cut/partial tablets and vast discrepancies between in-stock inventory and the inventory denoted by acquisition and dispensing records; violation of laws regulating controlled substances; failing to comply with prescription labeling requirements; receiving and holding adulterated drugs; acting as unlicensed wholesaler; allowing non-pharmacist to receive and sign for dangerous drugs; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the

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revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/16/2022.

[Dolohan, Shawn F., TCH 178275, AC 7327](#)

Stockton, CA

Cause for discipline: Stealing food and controlled substances from pharmacy where employed; self-furnishing dangerous drugs without a valid prescription; possessing controlled substances without a valid prescription; working under the influence of a controlled substance.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Doyle, Alexander, TCH 146966, AC 6978](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit; unlawful possession of controlled substances or dangerous drugs; self-administering a controlled substance or dangerous drug.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 12/14/2022.

[Elias, Nancy, RPH 62083, AC 7167](#)

Glendale, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain operation standards and security and account for shortage of promethazine with codeine syrup; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in furnishing controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 10/12/2022.

[Goldstein, Brian Paul Sohan, TCH 101671, AC 7077](#)

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; committing insurance fraud; subverting the PIC.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Hsieh, Jude M., RPH 50908, AC 7292](#)

Murrieta, CA

Cause for discipline: Dishonesty by diverting drugs from employer; unlawful administration of controlled substances; illegally self-furnishing controlled substances; diverting controlled substances and dangerous drugs; failing to maintain pharmacy facilities, spaces and equipment so drugs are safely and properly secured; failing to report drug loss to the Board.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for five years with suspension. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Khatami, Samira, RPH 60045, AC 7120](#)

Orinda, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with pharmacy laws related to self-assessment, compounding logs, compounding policies and procedures, compounding quality assurance, compounding staff training, filling fraudulent prescriptions, and maintaining a current inventory; committing fraud in failing to comply with pharmacy laws; committing unprofessional conduct in failing to comply with pharmacy laws; inappropriate exercise of training, education, or experience as a pharmacist.

Action: The license is revoked,

the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Kohanghadosh, Mouiz, RPH 62065, AC 6865](#)

Santa Monica, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing irregular or uncertain prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Lal, Nisha D., TCH 81839, AC 7291](#)

Sacramento, CA

Cause for discipline: Dangerous use of alcoholic beverages; DUI arrest.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Lim, Joanne H., Applicant, SI 7221](#)

Fullerton, CA

Cause for discipline: Prior discipline; making a false statement on application; unprofessional conduct; committing acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; conduct warranting denial of license.

Action: The application for a pharmacist license is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued and immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/16/2022.

[Le, Tony V., RPH 59721, AC 7234](#)

Placentia, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of health care fraud and aiding and abetting and causing an act to be done; conviction of crimes substantially related to

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the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed pharmacist; committing acts involving moral turpitude.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Martinez-Cabrera, Sigfredo Enrique, TCH 157220, AC 7239](#)

Hayward, CA

Cause for discipline: Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription; self-administering a dangerous drug or controlled substance without a prescription; dangerous use of a controlled substance; illness or injury affecting competency.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Mederos, Alejandro, TCH 124822, AC 7247](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction; dangerous use of alcohol; acts involving moral turpitude or dishonesty.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/30/2022

[Melendez, Kimberly, TCH 154991, AC 7263](#)

South Gate, CA

Cause for discipline: Using alcoholic beverages in a dangerous or injurious manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/12/2022.

[Michael, Michelle E., TCH 34083, AC 7232](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Self-administering alcohol in an injurious manner; selling and

dispensing drugs on duty while under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Popat, Ashok, RPH 39954, AC 7073](#)

Diamond Bar, CA

Cause for discipline: Failed to maintain all records of acquisition and disposition for at least three years and maintain a current inventory of dangerous drugs; failed to maintain security of drugs; failing to report dispensing of controlled substances to CURES; incomplete compounding log; assigning improper beyond-use date to drug preparation; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Purcell, Brian L., TCH 172491, AC 7325](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to comply with conditions of probation.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 12/14/2022.

[Rakholia, Raj, Applicant, SI 7216](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report a change in the proposed beneficial ownership of a pharmacy within 30 days; for pharmacy conditions that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.

Action: The application for a pharmacist license is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued and immediately publicly reproved. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Rakholia, Raj, INT 41728 and TCH 64078, AC 6775](#)

Anaheim, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to report a change in the proposed beneficial ownership of a pharmacy within 30 days.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Rea, Moises, TCH 152247, AC 7289](#)

Santa Ana, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician; conviction involving consumption of alcohol; using alcohol in a dangerous or injurious manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Schultz, Howard RPH 20459, AC 6825](#)

North Hollywood, CA

Cause for discipline:

Unprofessional conduct in signing a false certification; failing to retain records of acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and to provide dispensing-related records requested by the Board investigator.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/30/2022

[Shah, Nirali Mrudangk, RPH 73997, AC 6775](#)

Fremont, CA

Cause for discipline: Holding or offering for sale misbranded drugs; accepting or possessing prescription drugs from skilled nursing facilities, residential care homes, health care practitioners or other entity; receiving returns of controlled substances without

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being registered as a collector with the Drug Enforcement Administration; holding or offering for sale adulterated drugs; failing to maintain a current inventory; failing to execute a power of attorney for ordering Schedule II controlled substances; failing to use individual credentials for ordering controlled substances; failing report ceasing acting as PIC to the Board; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for 35 months. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Shamiya, Ranna Khoury, RPH 57440 & APH 10802, AC 7326](#)

Ukiah, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction substantially related to qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacist; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Smith, Melanie N., TCH 165538, AC 7266](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: DUI conviction substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician; two misdemeanor convictions involving alcohol consumption; using alcohol in a dangerous or injurious manner.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Steuber, Devin A., INT 40804, AC 7209](#)

Madison, ME

Cause for discipline: Self-

administration of controlled substances without a prescription; violating statutes regulation controlled substances; suspension of Maine pharmacist license.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Taylor, Daveon N., TCH 177865, AC 7288](#)

San Diego, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit; conviction of a crime for conduct that would have warranted denial of a pharmacy technician registration.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 11/16/2022.

[Todd, Amy Dinh, TCH 76274, AC 7018](#)

San Jose, CA

Cause for discipline: Unprofessional conduct as a conspirator in an operation involving the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition and possession of stolen personal property.

Action: The license is voluntarily surrendered. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Trigilio, Shane Taleem, TCH 172964, AC 7284](#)

Union City, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/16/2022.

[Unusyan, Roza, Applicant, SI 7231](#)

Panorama City, CA

Cause for discipline: Conviction of a substantially related crime.

Action: The application for a pharmacy technician registration is granted. Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, the license is issued and immediately publicly reapproved. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Wehmeier, Patrick R., RPH 67093, AC 7182](#)

Moorpark, CA

Cause for discipline: Knowingly signing a false document; use of alcoholic beverages to the extent as to be dangerous to the public or to impair ability to practice pharmacy safely; incurring license discipline by Missouri for violations that would be grounds for revocation, suspension, or other discipline in California; incurring license discipline by Oregon for conduct that would also be grounds for revocation, suspension, or other discipline in California; actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a California pharmacist license.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/5/2022

[Zaccardo, Fabian V., EXC 18242, AC 6852](#)

Richmond, TX

Cause for discipline: Acts constituting dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of federal and state pharmacy laws in aiding and abetting California pharmacies in manufacturing adulterated compounded sterile preparations.

Action: The license is publicly reapproved. Effective 11/30/2022.

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[Absolute Pharmacy LLC, NRP 1666 & NSC 100827, AC 7100](#)

Lutz, FL

Cause for discipline:

Compounding and furnishing drugs lacking in quality; compounding and furnishing adulterated sterile drug preparations; compounding and furnishing drugs without first properly confirming sterility; compounding and furnishing drugs without documenting the manufacturer of each component; compounding sterile drug preparations using bulk drugs substances without a USP monograph, were not components of drugs approved by the Secretary, and did not appear on a list developed by the Secretary.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 12/10/2022.

[Archway Apothecary LLC, NRP 1974 & NSC 101128, AC 7175](#)

Covington, LA

Cause for discipline:

Use of noncompliant bulk drug substance; failing to maintain the quality of a compounded sterile drug preparation; compounding and furnishing adulterated preparations; assigning unsupported extended beyond-use date; using active ingredients without proof the manufacturer was registered with the FDA; failing to quarantine until sterility testing properly confirmed; failing to report adverse effect; shipping products without biologics license; erroneous or uncertain prescriptions; failing

to provide patient consultation; failing to properly receive orally transmitted prescription; NRP license previously disciplined by Louisiana.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Calix Drugs Pharmacy, Inc. PHY 54225, AC 7157](#)

Covina, CA

Cause for discipline: Violation of pharmacy laws; failure to retain records of acquisition and disposition; acquiring diabetic testing supplies from unauthorized source; failing to report changes in ownership and officers; failing to comply with drug take-back regulations.

Action: The license is revoked. Effective 10/19/2022.

[CVS/Pharmacy #9236, PHY 49664, AC 7208](#)

Ventura, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain pharmacy in a clean and orderly condition; maintaining unsecured pharmacy records.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated. Effective 10/17/2022.

[Dabney Pharmacy, PHY 46745, AC 6496](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing drugs with incorrect labels; failing to maintain accurate medication profiles; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption; unprofessional conduct; failing to obey conditions of probation.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for two years. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Mintwood Pharmacy, PHY 56896, AC 7167](#)

Pasadena, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to maintain operation standards and security and account for shortage of promethazine with codeine syrup; failing to exercise corresponding responsibility in furnishing controlled substances.

Action: The license is surrendered. The effective date shall be stayed until January 10, 2023, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed. Effective 10/12/2022.

[Professional Compounding Centers of America, OSD 3279, AC 6852](#)

Administrative Case AC 6852
Houston, TX

Cause for discipline: Acts constituting dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; violation of federal and state pharmacy laws in aiding and abetting California pharmacies in manufacturing adulterated compounded sterile preparations.

Action: The license is publicly reprobated. Effective 11/30/2022.

[Rheem Specialty Pharmacy LLC, PHY 51285, AC 7120](#)

Moraga, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to complete pharmacy self-assessment, failing to complete compounding self-assessment, failing to maintain compounding log, failing to maintain compounding policies and procedures, failing to maintain written compounding quality assurance plan, failing to comply with compounding training requirements, and failing to maintain current inventory;

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filling fraudulent prescriptions; unprofessional conduct.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Rx Unlimited Pharmacy, PHY 50302 & LSC 99642, AC 7077](#)

North Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; insurance fraud; unprofessional conduct; failing to invest adequate authority in the PIC and subverting the PIC; failing to maintain adequate drug stock security.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Rx Unlimited Pharmacy, PHY 50301, AC 7077](#)

Beverly Hills, CA

Cause for discipline: Acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption; insurance fraud;

unprofessional conduct; dispensing erroneous or uncertain prescriptions.

Action: The license is surrendered. Effective 11/2/2022.

[Santa Monica Medical Plaza Pharmacy, PHY 51669, AC 6865](#)

Santa Monica, CA

Cause for discipline: Dispensing irregular or uncertain prescriptions.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 10/19/2022.

[Save Mart Supermarket #98, PHY 55306 & Temporary PHY 58486, AC 7041](#)

Clovis, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to keep current inventory when controlled substances were diverted; failing to secure drugs.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Save Mart Supermarket #651, PHY 55359 & Temporary PHY 58502, AC 7041](#)

Fresno, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to keep current inventory when controlled substances were diverted; failing to secure drugs.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 10/5/2022.

[Save Mart Supermarket #52, PHY 55317 & Temporary PHY 58468, AC 7041](#)

Clovis, CA

Cause for discipline: Failing to keep current inventory when controlled substances were diverted; failing to secure drugs.

Action: The license is revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license is placed on probation for three years. Effective 10/5/2022.

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- **February 1:** Standard of Care Committee
- **February 6:** Communication and Public Education Committee.
- **February 6-7:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **February 15:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **March 8:** Medication Error Reduction & Workforce Committee.
- **March 15:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **March 23:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **April 5:** Licensing Committee.
- **April 13:** Enforcement and Compounding Committee.
- **April 26:** Legislation/Regulation Committee.
- **April 26-27:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **May 3:** Standard of Care Committee.
- **May 17:** Board of Pharmacy.
- **June 17:** Medication Error Reduction & Workforce Committee.