

Board Actions at January 29-30 Meeting

The California State Board of Pharmacy met January 29-30, in Glendale. The board took the following actions:

- Announced the appointment of Interim Executive Officer Anne Sodergren as Executive Officer.
- Approved proposed text, adopted an emergency regulation, and voted to initiate the regular rulemaking process to add CCR section 1741, related to independent furnishing of HIV preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis.
- Referred a proposal to establish an advanced pharmacy technician program to the Licensing Committee for further consideration.
- Approved proposed language to amend CCR section 1715.65, related to inventory reconciliation reporting requirements for controlled substances.
- Approved the proposed amendment to CCR section 1715.6, related to reporting drug losses.
- Referred a draft statutory proposal to establish an alternative disciplinary process to the Enforcement Committee for additional consideration.
- Adopted a policy statement encouraging licensees to report matters involving all drug diversion to law enforcement.
- Approved proposed language to amend BPC sections 4161 to provide an alternative pathway to licensure as a nonresident third-party logistics provider.
- Approved proposed language to amend BPC sections 4127.3, 4129.4, and 4316 to clarify that a hearing to contest a cease and desist order shall be held no later than five business days after the Board receives the hearing request, and the Board president shall issue a response within five business days after the hearing.
- Approved proposed language to amend BPC section 4343 regarding the prohibition against buildings displaying certain words unless a Board-licensed pharmacy is within the building. The amendment would expand the prohibition to websites unless the website is controlled by a licensed pharmacy.
- Approved proposed language to amend BPC section 4312 to expand the authority of the Board to cancel the license of any Board-licensed entity remaining closed as defined in the statute.
- Approved proposed language to amend BPC section 4314 to clarify that a citation is not considered disciplinary action.