

Maryland Board of Pharmacy news

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President's Message

Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, RPh, PharmD, Board President



I am humbled and excited by the decision of my colleagues to elect me President of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. Their confidence and support means a great deal to me, especially as I follow in the footsteps of some strong pharmacy leaders. I look forward to building on their efforts and am counting on your support to ensure our success.

As you know, the mission of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy is, "To protect Maryland consumers and to promote quality healthcare in the field of pharmacy through licensing pharmacists and registering pharmacy technicians, issuing permits to pharmacies and distributors, setting pharmacy practice standards and through developing and enforcing regulations and legislation, resolving complaints, and educating the public."

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In order to further elevate our efforts to protect the public and promote quality healthcare, we are making it a priority to make the Board of Pharmacy more accessible to both the profession of pharmacy and the public at large. We are starting this effort by holding regular Board Meetings across the State, which included a September 2013 Board Meeting hosted by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy.

We are also excited by the recent decision of the Maryland State Legislature to expand pharmacists' authority to vaccinate patients. The Board of Pharmacy is now working closely with our colleagues in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the regulations to help meet the growing health care needs of the citizens in our State.

Next year, many of us will begin seeing new patients who will obtain health insurance for the first time through the Maryland Health Exchange. As pharmacists, we are on the front lines of health care, and can play an important role in assisting these individuals navigate these new plans and benefits, helping to ensure that thousands of our fellow citizens receive the care they need and deserve. I am especially excited by how many of you are stepping forward to help with the enrollment process, much like you did when Medicare Part D was enacted.

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The Board of Pharmacy takes our commitment to patient safety very seriously. As a result, we are now working on regulations that will require all sterile compounders to apply for a sterile compounding permit from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. This regulation will apply to all persons and facilities engaging in sterile compounding, whether they are a pharmacy or not.

It is clear that we have many exciting opportunities ahead of us to protect and improve the health of Marylanders. As a result, I am excited to continue working with such a capable staff at the Board of

Pharmacy, who do a tremendous job carrying out all of our daily activities. I am also pleased to welcome our new Board Commissioners: Jermaine Smith (Chain Representative), David Jones (Long-term Care Representative), Sajal Roy (Acute Care Hospital Representative) and Charmaine Rochester (At- Large Representative). We are fortunate to have such a diverse and talented group of Commissioners joining our Board. At the same time, we are also counting on you, the pharmacists and technicians of our State, to ensure that we keep Maryland moving forward.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Notice of Acceptance of Nominations for Board Commissioners Independent Pharmacist and Home Infusion/Home Care Pharmacist

LaVerne G. Naesea

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy will have two Board Commissioner openings as the second term of one commissioner, and the first term of another commissioner appointed to the Board will both end on April 30, 2014. The Maryland Board of Pharmacy is comprised of ten (10) pharmacist Commissioners and two (2) non-pharmacist consumer Commissioners. A Commissioner may be appointed to a total of two consecutive four-year terms

Commissioners' terms are staggered and Maryland statute requires the Board of Pharmacy to notify all licensed pharmacists and other interested parties when four-year terms are scheduled to end. In addition, the Board must provide contact information for groups to which letters of interest may be submitted by eligible individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Board. The full text of the statute may be found in Health Occupations §12-202 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Maryland law delineates specific categories of representation for the 12 Board seats. Consumer representatives are appointed by the Governor to the Board with the advice of the Secretary and the consent of the Senate. Pharmacist representatives are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, from lists submitted by the appropriate association. The requirements for appointment to the Board are as follows:

PHARMACIST APPOINTEES (10)

- Maryland Resident
- Licensed Maryland pharmacist in good standing with the Board
- Skilled and competent
- Possesses at least five years of professional experience within two years prior to the appointment

CONSUMER APPOINTEES (2)

- Maryland Resident
- May not have been a pharmacist
- May not have a pharmacist in the household
- May not have participated in pharmacy field
- May not have had a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board

The Independent and Home Infusion Commissioner categories will be open for nominations to terms beginning May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2018. Eligible licensed pharmacists who wish to be considered for nomination to either of the two commissioner seats should provide a letter of interest along with a Biographical Form and Appointee Exemption Disclosure Form to the appropriate association as noted below. The Biographical Form and Appointee Exemption Disclosure Form are available from the

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associations listed below or the Board's web site at: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/SitePages/about-the-board.aspx>.

Independent: The Governor shall appoint the independent pharmacist member, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Secretary and the Governor from the Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA) and the Maryland Pharmaceutical Society (MPhS). Candidates for consideration must practice primarily in an independent pharmacy at the time of appointment.

MPhA: 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 333
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
Phone: 410-727-0746 • Fax: 410-727-2253
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20906
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Home Infusion/Home Care: The Governor shall appoint the home infusion/home care pharmacist member, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. Candidates for consideration must practice primarily in a Home Infusion/Home Care pharmacy. (The current Home Infusion/Home Care appointee is eligible for reappointment.)

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Interest Letters and Biographical form must be submitted on or before February 13, 2014

COMPLIANCE CORNER – YuZon Wu, Compliance Manager

Opening Pharmacy within 60 Days

The Board has come across a few pharmacy locations for which pharmacy permits were issued, but the facility has not been an operational pharmacy for some time. COMAR 10.34.14.01.B(3) defines "Operational Pharmacy" as "a pharmacy that is actively compounding, dispensing, or distributing prescription or nonprescription drugs or devices in accordance with Health Occupations Article, § 12-101(p), Annotated Code of Maryland." A pharmacy permit enables its holder to purchase the entire gamut of prescription drugs and thus, it is incumbent upon the Board to ensure that a permit is being utilized legally. As a result, the Board has amended its Opening and Closing of Pharmacy Regulations (COMAR 10.34.14) and this became effective July 8, 2013. Be advised that a permit holder who has been issued a pharmacy permit by the Board shall, within 60 days following the initial issuance of the pharmacy permit, have and maintain an operational pharmacy. However, if the pharmacy is not operational after 60 days of the issuance of its permit, the Board will notify the permit holder of its intent to rescind the pharmacy's permit. The applicant may re-apply for a pharmacy permit in the future by complying with all relevant application requirements. Please refer to COMAR 10.34.14.02.

Change of Ownership, Relocation, and Name Change

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to notify the Board of a change of ownership or relocation for which a permit has already been issued. Permits are non-transferable. Prior to the change, an application must be submitted and approved by the Board. The Board, or the Board's agent, shall perform a closing inspection for the existing permit and an opening inspection for the new permit prior the new pharmacy commencing its operations. A pharmacy changing its name only must submit notification to the Board within 30 days before or after the name change. See COMAR 10.34.30.01.A

Pharmacy Remodeling

The pharmacy for which a permit has been issued, shall notify the Board in writing of any remodeling changes in the pharmacy. Blue prints or schematics of the new lay out of the pharmacy must also be provided to the Board. Depending upon the extent and type of remodeling being done, the Board will conduct an opening inspection of the new facility.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

PHARMACISTS	LIC. #	STATUS	DATE
Vicki Coutros	14959	Suspended	7/17/13
Dipal Patel	18393	Probation	8/12/13
Sheila Derman	06449	Probation & Fine	8/21/13
Farangis Emamhosseini	16775	Probation & Fine	8/26/13
Emmanuel Bertrand	13099	Probation	8/29/13
Ayman Nesseem	20329	Reprimand	9/13/13
Jeana Taylor	14366	Reprimand & Fine	9/16/13
Stephen Cappelli	17402	Suspended	9/20/13
PHARMACY TECHNICIANS	REG. #	STATUS	DATE
Kiera Reed	T11004	Revoked	6/19/13
Jessica Richard (aka Jessica Stonesifer)	T02083	Summarily Suspended	7/11/13
Melissa Wee	T06464	Revoked	7/17/13
Brandon Moore	T11076	Summarily Suspended	8/02/13
Joseph M. Haynes, Jr.	T07373	Surrendered	8/19/13
Brittany Nicole Livers	T07898	Revoked	8/21/13
Patrice McClendon	T06354	Revoked	8/21/13
Becky Riden	T03064	Summarily Suspended	8/21/13
Mohammed Emamhosseini	Unlicensed	Fine	8/26/13
Morgan Paige	T06118	Summarily Suspended	8/29/13
James Obie Murphy, II	T09473	Suspended	9/06/13
Robert Parker Jr.	T03721	Suspended	9/06/13
Daryl Riley	T12207	Suspended	9/06/13
Giovanni Vittoriano	T08462	Suspended	9/06/13
David Bloch	T09164	Summarily Suspended	9/13/13
Jewel Felicia Baylor	T07759	Suspended	10/1/13
Tonya Rosebrough	T10303	Summarily Suspended	10/1/13
Lacey Street	T12171	Summarily Suspended	10/1/13
ESTABLISHMENTS	PERMIT #	STATUS	DATE
Ameridose, LLC	P05009	Cease and Desist	6/19/13
Ameridose, LLC	P05015	Cease and Desist	6/19/13
Ameridose, LLC	D02155	Cease and Desist	6/19/13
Ameridose, LLC	D02927	Cease and Desist	6/19/13
Adventis Rehabilitation Hospital	P02549	Fine	7/17/13
B & C Health Services, LLC	PW0271	Surrendered & Fine	7/17/13
MedPrep Consulting, Inc.	P05334	Cease and Desist	7/17/13
Atlantic General Hospital	P01751	Fine	7/18/13
Dundalk Pharmacy	P00439	Fine	8/21/13
Shayona Pharmacy	P05005	Fine	8/12/13
Towne Pharmacy	Unlicensed	Denied	8/21/13
Thomas Johnson Pharmacy	P05438	Probation & Fine	8/26/13
Medisca, Inc.	D00970	Probation	9/13/13
Medisca, Inc.	D02904	Probation	9/13/13
X-Gen Pharmaceuticals	D02937	Reprimand & Fine	10/16/13

LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS UPDATE

Anna Jeffers, Legislation & Regulations Unit Manager

New Licensure Requirements for Decentralized Pharmacies at Hospitals

COMAR 10.34.03 Inpatient Institutional Pharmacy has been revised. The revisions address the numerous decentralized pharmacies that exist within hospitals that are operating under one hospital pharmacy permit. The revisions addressed Board concerns about outlying pharmacy areas, or decentralized pharmacies, that are not inspected because the Board is not aware that they exist. Additionally, many of the outlying pharmacy areas may actually function as independent pharmacies. The revisions require separate licensure for pharmacy areas not located in the same building or pavilion as the main hospital pharmacy and for pharmacies that do not meet the definitions for a “decentralized pharmacy.”

The regulations also include specific requirements for decentralized pharmacies located in hospitals.

The effective date of this regulatory revision has been delayed until **May 31, 2014** so that inpatient institutions throughout the State may have lead time to complete the licensure process for appropriate pharmacy areas within institutions.

The published proposal is available on the Board’s website. Click on Legislation & Regulation at the bottom of the home page. Scroll down to Regulations.

LICENSING CORNER – What’s New

LaToya Waddell, Licensing Unit Manager

➤ **Pharmacists’, Pharmacy Technicians’, and Their Spouses’ Military Service (see HB 225 Veteran Full Act of 2013)**

Under certain circumstances, a new law that became effective in July 1, 2013, will allow veterans, military spouses, or active duty service members in the armed forces, reserves, or the National Guard to receive priority processing of their applications, waivers of certain penalty fees, and extended time to meet certain requirements. Specific Staff support and special allowances include:

- Upon receipt of a complete application, licenses or registrations will be issued within 15 days of receipt;
- Members of the armed forces deployed outside of the U.S. or its territories will be allowed to renew their licenses or registrations after the expiration of the renewal period without payment of a penalty or reinstatement fee if the late renewal is a direct result of the deployment;
- A renewing licensee or registrant may be allowed to complete continuing education or criminal history records checks within a reasonable time after renewing the license or registration if they were deployed outside of the U.S. or its territories; and
- Upon request, eligible applicants will be assigned an advisor from the Board’s licensing unit to assist with the application process and in identifying education, training, or experience requirements for licensure or registration to expedite the issuance of a license or registration.

➤ **Continuing Education Reporting**

The Board will begin accepting CPE Monitor Numbers in lieu of requiring a list of ACPE courses on pharmacist and pharmacy technician renewal applications. CPE Monitor is an online system for pharmacists and technicians to track their continuing pharmacy education (CPE). ACPE-accredited CPE providers are now requiring licensees to submit their NABP e-Profile ID in order to take CPE courses and receive CPE credit. Please visit www.nabp.net for more information. *NOTE: Applicants will still be required to submit documentation related to non-ACPE continuing education courses taken.*

➤ **New Establishment Renewal Requirements and Expiration Dates**

Effective July 1, 2012, the expiration date for Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) pharmacy and wholesale distributor permits was changed from December 31 to May 31. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-407. To ensure continuous operation of your pharmacy, the completed renewal application must be received postmarked on or before May 1, of every even year for pharmacies and May 1 of every odd year for wholesale distributors.

Pharmacy permit holders who will renew in 2014 must submit a renewal application postmarked on or before May 1, 2014 or will risk their permit lapsing, if Board staff is unable to process the application before May 31, 2014.

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director

Over 150 individuals attended the Board of Pharmacy's September 2013 Public Meeting hosted by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy on the Eastern Shore. Attendees included pharmacy students, pharmacists, and university faculty. Chaired by President Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, the meeting included discussion of a variety of agenda items ranging from regulatory initiatives and legislative proposal considerations to the review of candidate and facility applications for licensure in Maryland.

The Dean of the UMES School of Pharmacy, Dr. Nicholas Blanchard, welcomed Board members and staff at a luncheon hosted by the school followed by Dr. Lawrence Hogue who provided information about his and the pharmacy school's involvement with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy's Emergency Preparedness Task Force. Dr. Hogue is the Assistant Director of Experiential Education at UMES.

Former Board President Michael Souranis received special recognition and a gift from Dean Blanchard for his support when the state's newest pharmacy school pursued ACPE accreditation. The Board appreciated the UMES School of Pharmacy's hospitality and graciousness in hosting its meeting.

The Board voted to annually host a few meetings at locations throughout the State so that the public and licensees who live outside of the Baltimore metropolitan area have more opportunities to attend meetings, monitor Board activities and earn continuing education credits. The Board plans to host at least two off-site public meetings in the upcoming year. Be sure to check the Board's web site and newsletter to learn if one will be planned in your area.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy's (MBOP) Emergency Preparedness Task Force (EPTF) works closely with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to prepare for any emergencies that may occur. The EPTF has enabled pharmacy to be recognized as a vital part of the emergency teams. The MBOP EPTF developed the pharmacist's role for inclusion in the State Emergency Preparedness Plan.

The MBOP EPTF was involved with a Maryland Emergency Statewide Distribution Exercise on September 24-26, 2013. The Exercise tested Maryland's emergency distribution to local health departments and hospitals throughout the entire State. The Board's EPTF participated at one of the State's Receipt, Stage and Store (RSS) sites. Emergency pharmacy volunteers were recruited to participate and assist through MD Responds and the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. EPTF members who participated were: **Reid Zimmer, Larry Hogue, Arnie Honkofsky, Bart Regan, Hoai-An Troung, Sajal Roy, and Janet Seeds.** EPTF Member, **Donald Taylor,** monitored the event on behalf of DHMH. Emergency volunteers who participated were: **Cynthia Anderson, Simon Bae, Eric Barbye, James Bresette, Miesha Buckner, Phil Cogan, Veronica Hunt, Han Luu, John Chad Morris, Renee Riddix-Hilliard, and Rosanna Powell.**

The Board greatly thanks the EPTF and the pharmacist volunteers for their assistance in making this exercise a successful event. If interested in becoming an emergency volunteer, you must register with MD Responds at mdr.dhmh.maryland.gov.

The Board would like to ensure that members of the task force represent various locations throughout Maryland. This would enable the EPTF to have trained personnel available, regardless of where an emergency may take place. Again, interested applicants must be registered with MD Responds. The EPTF meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 8:30 am until 10:30 am at the Board of Pharmacy office located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215. You will be expected to regularly attend meetings, participate in emergency drills designated by the State and/or initiated by the task force, and complete all emergency trainings offered by MD Responds.

If you would be willing to serve on the EPTF, please contact Janet Seeds at janet.seeds@maryland.gov or 410-764-5988.

CONTINUING EDUCATION BREAKFAST

Prescription Drug Monitoring in Maryland

Janet Seeds, Public Information Officer

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy held its annual Continuing Education Breakfast on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Due to the overwhelming response to the topic, Prescription Drug Monitoring in Maryland, the venue for this Continuing Education Breakfast was changed from the Radisson Hotel to the Hilton BWI. Over 300 individuals registered for the event which began at 8:00 AM.

Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Board President and Mistress of Ceremony for the event, provided opening remarks and introduced the presenters. Mr. Michael

Baier, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Coordinator at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, presented on the topic, "Prescription Drug Monitoring in Maryland." Mr. Baier provided a framework for how the system may be used by practitioners for reporting and tracking patient prescription patterns.

Dr. Lynn McPherson, Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore Campus, accompanied by Postgraduate Year 2 (PGY2) Resident, Dr. Nina Cimino, presented on the topic, "Competing Public Health Crises: Poorly Controlled Pain vs. Prescription Drug Abuse. They highlighted the difficulty pharmacists face in distinguishing patients who abuse CDS from patients who truly require treatment using CDS. They also presented prescribing guidelines and examples of patterns that may suggest "habituation." Certificates of Appreciation from Governor O'Malley were presented to 12 honored pharmacists who had been continuously licensed in Maryland for 60+ years.

(Access a videotape link on the Board's web site to view the entire Breakfast Event!)



Breakfast Honorees (l to r) John Stauch, Paul Goldstein, Francis Herold, John Padousis, Ilrwin Meyers and Norman DuBois. Also in picture, Board President, Lenna Israbian Jamgochian. Honorees not pictured: Robert Kokoski, Dorothy Donaan, Joan Zulty Bundy, Ralph Crocamo, Robert Thiess, and John Gavlinski

BABY BOOMER EXPO

Janet Seeds, Public Information Officer

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy joined over 100 other agencies and companies in participating in the Baltimore County Department of Aging's Annual Baby Boomers Expo. The event which targets information for baby boomers across the state was held on October 9 and 10, 2013 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. Despite some periods of rain, over 11,000 individuals took advantage of the many displays, incentives, information, food, contests, and musical events during the two-day Expo.

Health literature and useful incentives were distributed by the Board staff. The attendees were enlightened about the purpose of the Board and pleased to know that it exists. This was a great opportunity for the Board to meet directly with the public to learn about their pharmacy-related and health concerns, and to refer for additional follow-up if applicable.



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BOARD MEETINGS

Public Pharmacy Board meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. The Board encourages all interested parties to attend the monthly Board Meetings.

2013 PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS DATES

Third Wednesday of each month	January 15, 2014 March 19, 2014	February 19, 2014
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Location: 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215