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Happy New Year

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held on

- January 23, 2025
- March 27, 2025
- May 8, 2025

at the Board of Pharmacy's office located at 6311 Ridgewood Road, Suite E 401 Jackson, MS. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE- NADDI MS CHAPTER TRAINING CONFERENCE 2025

The Mississippi Chapter of NADDI is hosting a Training Conference to improve skills in combating drug diversion.

This event promises to be an invaluable opportunity for professional development, networking, and learning from leading experts in the field. This conference will provide up to 6 hours of education with the intent of obtaining CE approval for participating disciplines.

Key details:

- Date: April 16, 2025
- Time: 8 AM to 4 PM
- Location: Brandon Civic Center, 1000 Municipal Dr, Brandon, MS 39042

Further information on registration, speakers, and CE opportunities will follow. Should you have any immediate questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [✉](mailto:pculbertson@mbp.ms.gov)
pculbertson@mbp.ms.gov.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS SETTLEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The [Express Scripts Notice to Mississippi Pharmacies](#) that was sent out via email on November 22, 2024, was in regard to a recent action of the Board and the ability to file appeals with Express Scripts for certain claims outside the normal appeal window. As part of this action, every MS pharmacy that has processed a claim with Express Scripts since 1/1/2023, will receive a payment of \$170 to help alleviate costs associated with the appeals process. Pharmacies should have received this payment by the end of 2024.

Please note that any historical appeals must be filed prior to April 21, 2025. **However, pharmacies that wish to utilize the "Claim Appeal Report" option must submit reports by January 20, 2025.** This deadline is **60 days from 11/21/2024** for the appeal report. Be sure to review the potential cost verification process associated with the report option as described in the Express Script Notice on [Page 3](#).

You may contact MACDepartment@express-scripts.com with questions. In addition, you may reach out to Board PBM staff at pbmadminembp.ms.gov or 601-899-8880.

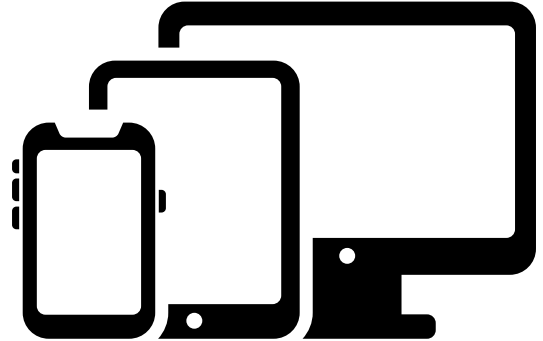
[SEE PAGE 5 FOR SAMPLE CLAIM APPEAL REPORT.](#)

ALL THINGS LICENSING



DEVICES MATTER

When using the online system, **if you are using a cell phone or tablet** (any device other than a desktop or laptop), make sure to use the drop-down menu (scroll feature). We are finding that all the application options or other capabilities may not be visible on certain devices. We have had individuals submit the wrong application due to not fully being able to see that the scroll bar is available and functional on their electronic device. If you encounter any such issue, please feel free to contact our Licensing Division. We are more than happy to assist you.



RENEWALS:

The portal is now open for the pharmacy technician renewal period. Renewal email notifications are being dispatched through the system, which will continue to send reminders until the renewal process is finalized. **It's essential to complete these renewals by March 31st to avoid incurring a late fee.** Be sure to watch for the email renewal reminders as well as updates on social media.

The year-end renewal period for 2024 has concluded, and we are now finalizing everything. Most licensees and registrants submitted their renewals early to avoid any disruptions in their operations.

If you choose not to renew and/or need to close the facility permit, please log into the Gateway and submit a permit closure request.



Please note: Renewal applications that are **currently pending** cannot operate with an expired license, and facilities cannot function under an expired permit status.

The staff in the Licensing Division is available to assist with any questions regarding renewals or Gateway issues. They encourage everyone to reach out without hesitation.



CREATING A PROFILE



MAKE SURE EACH USER HAS HIS/HER OWN PROFILE, USERNAME, AND PASSWORD. PROFILES/PASSWORDS SHOULD NOT BE SHARED. THE LICENSING DIVISION STAFF WILL NOT GIVE ACCESS TO A PROFILE TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE PROFILE OWNER.

DON'T FORGET

DBA NAMES

When completing renewal or amendment applications, leave the DBA name field blank if your facility **does not have a DBA name or DBA name change**. In addition, please do not re-enter the facility's legal name as the DBA name.

NOTICE: LICENSING REMINDERS HAVE MOVED TO THE WEBSITE

To enhance our service and provide you with easy access to vital information, we are pleased to inform you that certain licensing items have been relocated to our website for your convenience. This move ensures that you have the most current information at your fingertips. Please visit our site to stay updated on the following:

1. Pharmacist Fill Up
2. Tech Bite
3. Student Sidebar Chatter
4. Facility Highlight

For detailed information and to access these resources, please visit <https://www.mbp.ms.gov/licensing>.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please be on the lookout for upcoming videos or tutorials that will be posted on our Facebook page, users' Gateway profile, and YouTube to provide guidance on how to navigate through the License Gateway and information on questions that users may have.

COMPLIANCE CHECK



PREP ACT EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029

PREP Act (*Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act declaration for COVID-19*) liability immunity applies to all COVID-19 medical countermeasure activities provided through a federal agreement; and to pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians who administer COVID-19 and seasonal flu vaccines and COVID-19 tests. [Federal Register :: 12th Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19](#)

COMPLIANCE BULLPEN REPORT

Access the Compliance Bullpen Report Trainings from 2024 on our [YouTube channel](#). These archived videos will not offer continuing education credits but equip pharmacy professionals with vital compliance and regulatory knowledge for the State of Mississippi. We encourage all team members to watch them to stay informed.



SUBSCRIBE

We value your feedback to improve these sessions. Staying updated on compliance is crucial for maintaining high practice standards.

The trainings include:

- Instructions for Loss Reporting, Inventories, & Accountability Audits
- Burglaries and Robberies
- Introduction to the 4 Divisions of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy

Also, be on the lookout this year for new Compliance Bullpen Reports.

COMPOUNDING STATISTICAL REPORT

Don't forget to submit your Compounding Statistical Report prior to January 31, 2025! This report must be filed with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy each year for every pharmacy that has a compounding certificate. Compounding data submitted will cover January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The form can be found in the Gateway Portal- see below for instructions.

Pathway to Upload Your Compounding Statistical Report (DUE January 31, 2025)

- Only for Sterile Compounds. If you only compound non-sterile, report zero.
- Only applicable if you have a compounding certificate.
- You are not required to submit a recent compounding inspection since this was already submitted with your renewal application.

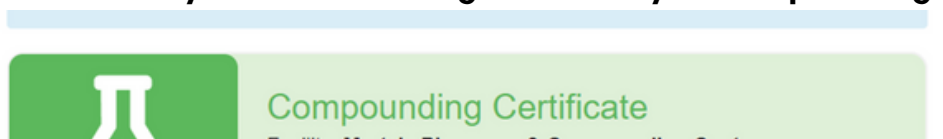
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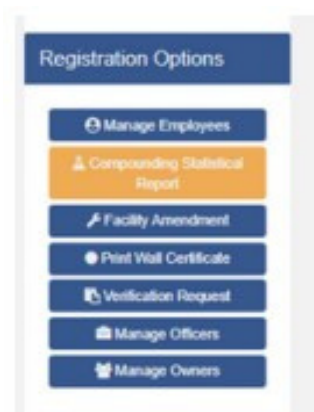


COMPOUNDING STATISTICAL REPORT

Step 1: Go to the Gateway and click on the green tile of your compounding certificate.



Step 2: Then on the left hand of the screen, click "Compounding Statistical Report".



Step 3: Download the template and then upload your completed Statistical Report.



Spotlight on Pharmacy Benefit Managers

MEMO ON SAMPLE CLAIM APPEAL REPORT

This "[Sample Claim Appeal Report](#)" may be utilized by those Mississippi pharmacies that choose to file a Claim Appeal Report with Express Scripts rather than filing an appeal for every claim that a Mississippi pharmacy believes was reimbursed below the pharmacy acquisition cost. This sample claim appeal report is not required to be utilized but is being provided simply as a resource.

Remember to follow the procedures outlined in [Attachment A](#) provided previously to you by the Board (emailed on 11/22/2024). You should have also received separate notification from Express Scripts.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

For 1 hour of free ACPE continuing education credit for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, please visit [Talem Health Website](#). This CE was developed in partnership with the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities and 12 prescription monitoring programs. This program will provide insight into how pharmacy staff's data entry process affects prescription monitoring program data, clinical decision making, and downstream data analysis.

-TAKE NOTE -

Controlled substances II-V are to be reported to the MS PMP with the prescriber's valid DEA number. **Please ensure your facility is not sending these prescriptions without the DEA (example: only NPI, state license etc.)** In the future, any controlled substance prescription sent to the MS PMP database without a valid DEA number will receive a warning and eventually a rejection. Should you have any questions, please email the [MS PMP](#).



Any suspicion of diversion of any type should be reported to the appropriate authority. If you are unsure who to report any type of incident to, you can always contact the PMP directly.

As a reminder, error corrections are required. Please refer to the [Data Submission Guide](#) should you need assistance.

Should an individual require a copy of their PMP report, they are required to contact the MS PMP directly and follow the appropriate steps. PMP users are not permitted to share PMP reports with anyone at any time.

Please notify the MS PMP in the event your permit is set to inactive or closed. Also, please notify the MSPMP directly should your pharmacy have a change of DEA number so that we can update our records to reflect accurate reporting.

Feel free to call or email with any questions 601-899-0138, mspmpassist@mbp.ms.gov, or visit our website at www.pmp.mbp.ms.gov for more information.

