

Celebrating Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, and Student Pharmacists

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be held on

- November 21, 2024

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.

CELEBRATING PHARMACY WEEK

October is a month of great importance as we acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable contributions of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and the entire pharmacy community.

During National Pharmacy Week, we pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of our pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Their relentless commitment to enhancing healthcare through innovation and education is truly inspiring.

These healthcare heroes are appreciated for their unwavering dedication and the positive impact they have on our communities.

Thank you for your outstanding service and for making a difference every day! 🎉💊

APHA WELL-BEING & WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT SURVEY

It's essential to prioritize your mental health and overall well-being especially during this busy period. The Well-Being Index is a valuable tool designed to support pharmacy professionals in maintaining their health and work-life balance: By utilizing the Well-Being Index, pharmacy personnel can:

- Assess your current level of well-being.
- See how your well-being compares to other pharmacy professionals.
- Track changes in your well-being over time.
- Gain access to resources to promote your well-being and address a variety of concerns.

Taking proactive steps to manage well-being not only benefits pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists but also enhances their ability to provide exceptional care to their patients. Remember to carve out time for self-care, seek support when needed, and celebrate the small victories along the way.

The Well-being Index for Pharmacy Personnel ensures complete anonymity and confidentiality. Feel free to assess your well-being as often as you wish to monitor your progress over time. Each state board receives monthly composite scores that highlight well-being and the workplace atmosphere. [Click here](#) to set up an account and finish the survey.

ALL THINGS LICENSING



RENEWALS

December 31, 2024, year-end renewal season began on August 15, 2024. It is always better to get an early start to prevent interruptions in operations. If you do not wish to renew and/or need to close the facility permit, please log into the Gateway and submit a permit closure request.

Note: Any renewal applications that are in the pending status or under review after 12/31/2024, will be unable to operate or conduct business as the permit is in expired status.

Our Licensing Division is readily available to assist with any renewal questions and/or Gateway issues. Do not hesitate to contact us.

KEEP YOUR PROFILE UP TO DATE: A QUICK GUIDE



To keep your profile up to date, you should log into the Gateway and submit any necessary changes. For name changes, follow the system prompts to submit a request and upload the required documentation for staff approval. You can also update your employment and address details directly through the Gateway. If you need help with the online system, please contact our Licensing Division at (601) 899-8880 for assistance.

DBA NAMES

DON'T FORGET

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>.

COMPLIANCE CHECK



PREP ACT (PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT DECLARATION FOR COVID-19) SET TO END DECEMBER 31, 2024

PREP Act 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. After December 31, 2024, pharmacists in MS will still be able to use protocols/collaborative practice agreements with a prescriber to continue giving vaccines. Pharmacy technicians do not have the authority to immunize under protocols and collaborative practice.

USP CHAPTER 800 COMPLIANCE



Amendments to Article XXXI: Compounding Guidelines were effective April 12, 2024. USP Chapter 800 was adopted into rule with those amendments. USP Chapter 800 must be fully implemented by January 1, 2025, to avoid potential enforcement actions.

DRUG SHORTAGE NOTIFICATIONS TO FDA (PUBLIC PORTAL TO REPORT NEW SHORTAGES)

Drug Shortage Notifications to FDA (Public Portal to report NEW Shortages)

When a medication is not available, here's how you can report it to FDA. Local supply issues can be a signal of a future drug shortage. If a drug is NOT in the Drug Shortages database already, report it to FDA here. [DSM-Submission \(fda.gov\)](https://www.fda.gov/oc/shortage/dsm-submission)

DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY ACT (DSCSA) NEW EXEMPTIONS

Eligibility: Trading partners facing challenges with their systems and electronic data connections

What are the exemptions? ([details can be found here \(fda.gov\)](https://www.fda.gov/oc/dscsa))

Interoperability-exchanging transaction statements and transaction history electronically, product identifiers at the package level, etc

New Timeline: Manufacturers and Repackagers- May 27, 2025; Wholesalers- August 27, 2025; Dispensers with 26 or more full time employees-November 27, 2025

Reminders: Other DSCSA requirements remain in effect. Small dispensers with 25 or less employees' exemptions were covered in the July 2024 newsletter and can also be found here: [DSCSA Small Dispenser Exemption fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov/oc/dscsa) **PHARMACIES ARE DISPENSERS!**

Spotlight on Pharmacy Benefit Managers

****REMINDER NOVEMBER 8TH (BENECARD) AND NOVEMBER 15TH (PRIME) DEADLINES TO FILE HISTORICAL APPEALS PER SETTLEMENTS****

Notifications of settlements approved by the MS Board of Pharmacy for both [Prime](#) and [Benecard](#) at the July 11, 2024, Board Meeting were emailed on September 3, 2024. These settlements resulted from a pharmacy complaint on the required statutory appeals process pursuant to MS Code Annotated § 73-21-156. Please note that Express Scripts may have originally adjudicated these claims via the Express Scripts Network. Regardless, the filing of all appeals per the attached communication must be sent directly to either Prime or Benecard. Appeals for underwater reimbursement must include a copy of the wholesaler invoice reflecting the acquisition cost of the medication under appeal. Please note that Medicare and Tricare claims are not included in this settlement.

The notices state that you must submit any appeal in accordance with your contract terms. In addition to your invoice, required elements may include, at minimum, your pharmacy NCPDP, Rx claim number, NDC, date of service of the claim, and the purchase price reflected on the submitted invoice. You should be contacted if clarification or other information is needed.

We urge you to review your claims and file any appeals before the applicable November deadline directly with:

- Prime at MACAppeals@primetherapeutics.com
- Benecard at PBF_NetworkQuality@benecard.com

If you have questions, please contact Todd Dear at 601-899-8880 or pbmadmin@mbp.ms.gov.

*****Please note*****

Previously filed appeals prior to the settlement, should have been reviewed automatically and you would have received communication referencing any additional reimbursement to the original appeal.

PBM REIMBURSEMENT APPEALS AND MAC CONTACT LIST UPDATE

The document [PBM Contact information for Reimbursement Appeals](#) has been updated on our PBM webpage. The information is derived from 2023 renewals. The next update for contact information is scheduled for Spring 2025.

PMP Update



Please notify the MS PMP directly 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.

As a reminder, error corrections are required. Please refer to the Data Submission Guide should you need assistance. https://pmp.mbp.ms.gov/sites/default/files/pmp/forms-documents/MS-PMP-Data-Submission-Dispenser-Guide_v3.0.pdf

The MSPMP serves as a tool for dispensers to assist in making an informed decision when providing pharmaceutical care for their patients. 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.

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.

If you have changed your employment, email, or any other information regarding your profile please do not create another account. This includes transitioning from a pharmacist's delegate PMP account to a pharmacist account. Simply send an email with the updated information. You may send these requests via email to msspmpassist@mbp.ms.gov.

Pharmacies that are eligible for a waiver of reporting to the MSPMP, please remember that paper versions are not accepted. PMP waivers are done online in the MS Board of Pharmacy's licensing gateway. Application and renewal for a waiver takes place with your pharmacy's permit.

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

