



# Alaska Board of Pharmacy



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### **RICHARD HOLT**

- I have no relevant financial relationships with the organizer of today's event.
- Healthcare stock owned: Walmart, Pfizer
- Employed by Walmart.
- Member of the Alaska Pharmacist's Association.

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- President of Alaska Family Pharmacy.
- Member of the Alaska Pharmacist's Association.

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## Disclaimer

If the regulations presented in this CE are current and active they will be represented with their actual regulation number, i.e. 12 AAC 52....

Otherwise, all regulations presented are ongoing discussions by the Board and represent a draft.

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## Goals and Objectives

- To review the current composition of the Board of Pharmacy.
- To review legislative actions achieved this year.
- To review regulatory changes made this year.
- To review regulatory projects that the board is currently working on.
- Questions

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## Board & Support

- Have a full Board of Pharmacy
  - 2 public members
  - 5 pharmacists
- Executive Administrator
  - New this year as a result of 2018 legislation
- New Licensing Examiner

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## Other 2018 Statute Changes

- PDMP
  - Daily reporting
- Biosimilar Bill
  - Allow for substitution of biosimilar products
- Out of State Wholesalers, Third Party Logistics Providers and Outsourcing
  - Will require an Alaska facility license
- Control Substance Advisory Committee
  - Chair of Board of Pharmacy or delegate now Chair of this committee

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## 2018 Regulatory Changes

- PDMP
  - Daily reporting
- Refills
  - 90-day supplies

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## REFILLS

**12 AAC 52.470. REFILLS.** (a) A pharmacist may dispense a refill of a prescription drug order only in accordance with the prescribing practitioner's authorization as indicated on the prescription drug order. If there are no refill instructions on the prescription drug order, or if all refills authorized on the original prescription drug order have been dispensed, a pharmacist shall obtain authorization from the prescribing practitioner before dispensing a refill.

(b) A pharmacist may not dispense a refill of a prescription drug order for a noncontrolled substance after one year from the date of issue of the original prescription drug order.

(c) Each time a prescription drug order is dispensed, the pharmacist shall record the refill electronically or on the back of the prescription drug order by listing the date of dispensing, the written initials or identification code of the dispensing pharmacist, and the amount dispensed if different from the quantity on the original prescription drug order.

**(d) If an original prescription drug order is prescribed as a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may dispense up to a 100-day supply on refills if the**

- (1) total quantity of dosage units dispensed does not exceed the total quantity of dosage units authorized by the prescriber on the prescription, including refills;**
- (2) drug is not a federal or state scheduled controlled substance; and**
- (3) the pharmacist is exercising professional judgment.**

**(e) To indicate that an increased supply may not be dispensed under this section, a prescriber may indicate "no change to quantity", or words of similar meaning, on the prescription drug order.**

**(f) Nothing in this section requires a health care service plan, health insurer, workers' compensation insurance plan, pharmacy benefits manager, or any other person or entity, including a state program or state employer, to provide coverage for a drug in a manner inconsistent with a beneficiary's plan benefit.**

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## Current Regulation Projects

- Refills
- Interns & sponsorship
- Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technicians
- ACPE Requirements
- Remote Pharmacy / Telepharmacy
- Registration of Pharmacists working for federal facilities or Tribal Health Programs
- CII partial dispensing
- Emergency Preparedness
- Out of State wholesale, third party provider, outsourcing facility licenses
- Biosimilar substitution
- Return or exchange of medication
- Applications via checklist vs. board review & approval

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## Question

Currently, a technician is only allowed to claim technician (T) specific continuing education?

- a) True
- b) False

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## Question

Currently, a technician is only allowed to claim technician (T) specific continuing education?

- a) True
- b) False

### 12 AAC 52.340 APPROVED PROGRAMS

(a) The following programs will be accepted by the board as continuing education for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians under 12 AAC 52.320 and 12 AAC 52.325:

- (1) any program presented by a provider accredited by the ACPE

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## Question

Emergency Preparedness regulations were passed in 2018?

- a) True
- b) False

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## Question

Emergency Preparedness regulations were passed in 2018?

- a) True
- b) False

They are currently being drafted but do not currently exist in regulation. These regulations were scheduled to be discussed at the Nov 2018 meeting which did not get heard due to the earthquake. This regulation project will be resumed in 2019.

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## Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Regulations being discussed currently address:

- Amending 12 AAC 52.110 (Emergency Pharmacist Permit) and requirements met in order to issue this license type;
  - Remove requirement to pass MPJE
  - The Board or 2 licensed pharmacist board members can make the determination to issue the license
- Defining “emergencies”
- Detailing what can be done by a pharmacy / pharmacist during these declared times.

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## Emergency Preparedness

Results in pharmacist being authorized to dispense up to a 30-day supply of medication if:

- In RPh professional opinion the medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy and
- The order is reduced to writing marked “emergency prescription” and filed according to existing regulations.

If the declared state of emergency continues for more than 21-days after the emergency 30-day dispensing, one additional dispensing of up to a 30-day supply may be dispensed.

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## Question

A patient may return to the pharmacy and exchange a medication that has been incorrectly filled or recalled by the Food and Drug Administration?

- a) True
- b) False

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## Question

True or False.

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- a) True
- b) False

**12 AAC 52.530. RETURN OR EXCHANGE OF DRUGS.** (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a pharmacy or pharmacist may not accept a drug for return or exchange after the drug has been taken from the premises where the drug was sold, distributed, or dispensed.

(b) A pharmacy serving an institutional facility may accept for return or reuse unit dose packages or full or partial multiple dose medication cards if ...

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## Return or Exchange of Drugs

- Is that ideal?
- Current Board discussion:
  - (a) A pharmacy or pharmacist may accept a drug for return or exchange after the drug has been taken from the premises where the drug was sold, distributed, or dispensed if
    - (1) the prescription was dispensed in a manner inconsistent with the original prescription drug order; or
    - (2) the medication was recalled by the manufacturer or FDA; and
    - (3) it is segregated from the normal pharmacy inventory and may not be dispensed.

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## Interns

Interns need a sponsor in order to obtain a license?

- a) True
- b) False

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## Interns

Interns need a sponsor in order to obtain a license?

- a) True
- b) False

The board has drafted regulations to

1. review removing the sponsorship requirement and eliminating all paperwork associated with sponsorship and
2. require the return of a technician license, if the intern possesses one.

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## Interns

Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician Regulations become effective in 2018?

- a) True
- b) False

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## Interns

Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician Regulations become effective in 2018?

- a) True
- b) False

With 2018 legislative actions and statutory changes these regulations were placed on the burner until the Nov 2018 meeting which did not get heard due to the earthquake. This regulation project will be resumed in 2019.

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## Tribal & Federal Facility Pharmacist Registration

This regulation was discussed in 2018 to have pharmacists working for Tribal Health Facilities to register with the board. The question was posed to the board from the AAG office if that also included other federal facilities.

The board discussed this and wished to include all federal facilities under this draft regulation in order to know who is practicing in Alaska under the jurisdiction of another state license.

The draft regulation was amended and prepared to be discussed at the Nov 2018 meeting which did not get heard due to the earthquake. This regulation project will be resumed in 2019.

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