



# Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy

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## Recently Promulgated Board Regulations

### 01-00-0009 – Inspector’s Warning Notice

- A. **Purpose.** An inspector’s warning notice protects public health by allowing registrants to expeditiously correct violations of laws and rules, and report these corrections to the Board in writing.
- B. **Recipient.** A warning notice may be issued to any person or facility holding a permit, license, registration, certificate, or credential issued by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy that is found to be violating any Arkansas code pertaining to the practice of pharmacy or any regulation of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy as well as any other applicable state or federal law, rule, or regulation.
- C. **Issuance.** An inspector may issue a warning notice at the time a violation is found.
- D. **Filing.** The warning notice shall become an integral part of a file.
- E. **Failure to respond.** A recipient’s failure to satisfactorily respond to a warning notice may be referred by the executive director of the Board for review and hearing.
- F. **Board review of two warning notices.** Any registrant receiving two or more warning notices within a twelve-month period may be referred to the Board for review and hearing.

### 07-02-0002 – Good Compounding Practices

This regulation describes the requirements of minimum current good compounding practice for the preparation of drug products by pharmacies or other facilities with permits issued by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy.

For a complete copy of this regulation, please contact the Board office at 501/682-0190.

### Just A Reminder

Board of Pharmacy Regulation 03-00-0006 – Duties of the Pharmacist in the Use of Pharmacy Technicians (A) states: “A pharmacy which utilizes a pharmacy technician to enter information into the pharmacy computer must de-

velop and keep, on file at the pharmacy, written policy and procedures which describe the procedures by which the supervising pharmacist verifies the accuracy, validity, and appropriateness of the filled prescription or medication order.”

Board of Pharmacy inspectors will ask to see this written policy and procedure in pharmacies that are using technicians in this manner.

### Physician Assistants Prescribing

Arkansas State Medical Board Regulation #24, Section 5., is as follows:

- A. A physician assistant must be authorized by his supervising physician to prescribe legend drugs and scheduled medication for patients. Said authorization must be stated in the protocol submitted by the physician assistant to the Board and approved by the Board. A supervising physician may only authorize a physician assistant to prescribe scheduled medication that the physician is authorized to prescribe. A physician assistant may only be authorized to prescribe Schedule III through V medications. The physician assistant will write prescriptions for scheduled medications by utilizing a triplicate prescription form with the original going to the patient and the pharmacist, a copy being placed in the chart of the patient and a second copy being sent to the Board on a quarterly basis. The requirement of writing triplicate prescriptions and forwarding a copy to the Board may be waived by the Board after a period of supervised monitoring by the Board. A physician assistant may not utilize telephone prescribing authority when prescribing scheduled medications III through V. Prescriptions written by a physician assistant must contain the name of the supervising physician on the prescription.
- B. The physician assistant will make an entry in the patient chart noting the name of the medication, the strength, the dosage, the quantity prescribed, the directions, the number of refills, together with the signature of the physician assistant and the printed name of the supervising physician for every prescription written for a patient by the physician assistant.

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- C. The supervising physician shall be identified on all prescriptions and orders of the patient in the patient chart if issued by a physician assistant.

**A physician assistant must have a Drug Enforcement Administration number to write Schedule III through V prescriptions.**

**Optometrist Prescribing**

The Board office has received several calls concerning the issue of optometrists prescribing controlled substances. The following is a portion of the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Optometry:

Article IX – Prescribing Controlled Substances  
Section 1

An Arkansas optometrist licensed as an optometric physician who applies for and possesses a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Number shall:

- A. Prescribe Schedules III, IV, and V controlled substances only.
- B. Administer and prescribe controlled substances for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye, lids, and adnexa.
- C. Not sell any prescription medication, including controlled substances.
- D. Be responsible for knowing and abiding by all state and federal regulations pertaining to controlled substances, with emphasis on the *Mid-Level Practitioner’s Manual*, published by the DEA, and all state board rules and regulations pertaining to controlled substances. Record the names and directions of prescribed controlled substances in the patient’s record.
- E. Prescribe only the amount of controlled substance medication for four (4) days on one prescription.
- F. Provide a written prescription to the pharmacy within 72 hours of a verbal prescription.

**New Reciprocating Pharmacists**

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met in February. The following is a list of pharmacists who were approved for license reciprocity into Arkansas:

Edward Anderson	Calvin Bingham
Roger Blakeney	Randee Bowder
John Chesney	Heidi Chow
Steven Cummings	Mark Erblat
Mark Franceschelli	Byron Henley, Jr.
William Hewlett	Patrick Hoffman
Jeffrey Junck	Jonathan Kwiatkowski
Scott McConnell	Beth McCullough
Bob Morita	Timothy Moser
Roger Price	Tonya Shackelford
Floyd Stice	Joanna Swaim
Renita Thornton	Jeffrey Welter

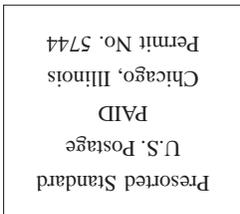
The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy would like to welcome all of these pharmacists to Arkansas.

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