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Dear pharmacists and pharmacy technicians:

This letter is to bring your attention to an important change in the renewal process of your license or registration in 2016, information regarding the FDA alert involving BD syringes, and an upcoming webinar presented by the FDA.

The FDA expanded its alert regarding compounded or repackaged drugs stored in Becton-Dickinson (BD) general use syringes to include 1ml, 10ml, 20ml and 30ml BD syringes, and BD oral syringes. Please go to <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm461597> to read more information on this subject from the FDA.

NABP is pleased to announce that the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research is presenting a series of educational webinars targeted toward students and health care professionals who wish to learn more about FDA and drug regulation. The next webinar of 2015 will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 1pm EST and will last approximately 30 minutes with a live Q & A session set to last 10-15 minutes. For more information please go to <http://www.fda.gov/DDIWebinars>

In an effort to “go green”, the Board of Pharmacy has decided to notify its licensees of their time to renew via email. During the last week of October pharmacists and pharmacy technicians that have a current email address on file with the Board will receive notification that it is time to go online and renew. Those licensees who have not provided the Board with an email address will be mailed a paper renewal document to their address of record and those licensees who have not renewed by the date printed on the email notification will also receive a paper renewal in the mail. Please note that during the renewal process you are asked to attest that the continuing education requirement *will be* completed by 12/31/2015. You do not necessarily need to have obtained the required hours of continuing education prior to paying for your renewal online.

Please call 804-367-4456 should you have any questions.

Thank you.

Virginia Board of Pharmacy