

Virginia Board of Pharmacy Law Update

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Objectives

- Briefly review select pharmacy-related bills passed by 2016 General Assembly
- Overview of recently enacted regulations and pending regulatory action
- Briefly explain 2017 legislative proposals
- Provide information on miscellaneous topics and reminders



New Laws Passed in 2016 General Assembly

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HB 528 - 3PL, Track and Trace, etc.

- Requires wholesale distributors to comply with federal track and trace requirements
- Creates new licensing category for in-state third party logistic providers and nonresident manufacturers
- Clarifies that manufacturers may distribute drug without an additional license as a wholesale distributor
- Clarifies in §54.1-3410.2 the use of bulk drug www.dhp.virginia.gov
 substances in compounding



HB 527 - Nonresident Medical Equipment Suppliers

- Creates new licensing category for non-resident medical equipment suppliers
- Formalizes the Board's existing process and holds out-of-state MES facilities to similar licensure oversight as in-state MES facilities



HB 293/SB 513 – PMP (Until July 1, 2019)

- Expands mandatory requests to the PMP
 - 54.1-2522.1; Prescriber or delegate, at time of initiating a new course of treatment to a human patient that includes the prescribing of opioids anticipated at the onset of treatment to last more than <u>14</u> consecutive days
 - Physicians with DATA 2000 waiver IDs must query PMP prior to or as a part of execution of a treatment agreement with the patient



HB 293/SB 513 – PMP (Until July 1, 2019)

- Exceptions:
 - Patient receiving hospice or palliative care;
 - Treatment for surgical or invasive procedure and such prescription is not refillable;
 - Prescribed during inpatient hospital admission or at discharge;
 - Patient in nursing home or assisted living facility that uses a sole source pharmacy;

HB 657 - PMP

- 54.1-2523.1; PMP advisory panel/disclosure
- DHP Director to develop, in consultation with advisory panel (representatives of Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy) criteria for:
 - indicators of unusual patterns of prescribing or dispensing;
 - misuse of covered substances; and
 - method for analysis of data collected by PMP using the criteria
- Unusual prescribing or dispensing to be www.dhp.virginia.gov disclosed to DHP Enforcement Division



SB 287 - PMP

- 54.1-2521; Increased frequency for reporting
- Dispensers as of January 1, 2017 must report within 24 hours or next business day, whichever comes later



SB 701- Pharmaceutical Processors

- Authorizes licensing of a pharmaceutical processor to cultivate, produce, and dispense cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil for treatment of intractable epilepsy
- Must have pharmacist-in-charge
- Board adopted emergency regulations
- Bill must be reconsidered by GA in 2017 prior to enactment of law or regulations



2017 Legislative Proposals

(Adopted by Board, but will <u>NOT</u> be included in 2017 Governor's Packet)

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Legislative Proposal Process

- Board-adopted legislative proposal become DHP bills
- However, prior to introducing in GA, proposal must be approved by:
 - DHP Director,
 - Secretary HHR, and
 - Governor



PTCB Legislative Proposal

- Would have:
 - required PTCB for initial registration as a pharmacy technician
 - Grandfathered existing pharmacy technicians
 - Had a delayed effective date of July 1, 2018



Collaborative Practice Legislative Proposal

- Would have:
 - Clarified existing law that a pharmacist may issue a prescription to implement, modify, continue, or discontinue drug therapy as part of the collaborative practice agreement
- Did not seek to expand existing authority; only to clarify how the process may be completed



Recently Enacted Regulations

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Licensing of Physician Dispensing Location

- Emergency regulations effective 12/7/15-6/6/17
- Authorizes Board to license facility from where physicians are dispensing
- Board currently working on permanent regulations



Licensing of Outsourcing Facilities/Compounding

- Emergency regulations effective 12/7/15 through 6/6/17
- Creates new licensing category
- Compliance with cGMPs and federal law
- Require pharmacy permit also when dispensing patient-specifically
- Board currently working on permanent regulations



18VAC110-20-540

- Amends regulation to allow emergency drug kit to contain diazepam rectal gel
- Effective date 8/11/16

Scheduling of Drug

- Several actions to place various illicit drugs into Schedule I
- Descheduled after 18 months unless law passed to permanently place into Schedule I



Pending Regulatory Activity (not yet final)

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Periodic Regulatory Review

- Chapters 20 and 50
- Most recent comment period ended 8/10/16
- Next step = Board to draft proposed language
- More opportunities to comment!

18VAC110-20-25 Coupons

- Would prohibit incentives to transfer prescription
- Would be unprofessional conduct to advertise or solicit in a manner that may jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of a patient, including incentivizing or inducing the transfer of a prescription absent professional rationale by use of coupons, rebates, or similar offerings.
- Proposed regs in the Governor's office for review



18VAC110-20-110 Hours Worked

- Would state "Except in an emergency, a permit holder shall not require a pharmacist to work longer than 12 continuous hours in any work day
- and shall allow at least six hours of off-time between consecutive shifts.
- A pharmacist working longer than six continuous hours shall be allowed to take a 30-minute break."
- Final regs in Secretary's office



Miscellaneous Topics and Reminders

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Inspection Process

- Guidance Document 110-9
 - No longer "major" and "minor"
 - Bifurcated deficiencies to decrease monetary sanctions



Most Commonly Cited Deficiencies with Automatic Monetary Sanction

- 1. # 15: Perpetual Schedule II inventory
- 2. # 14: Incoming PIC inventory
- 3. # 20a: Pharmacist not documenting final verification of non-sterile compounding
- 4. # 12: Storage of prescription drugs outside previously approved drug storage area
- 5. # 20: Pharmacist not checking and documenting repackaging and bulk packaging



Most Commonly Cited Deficiencies without Automatic Monetary Sanction

- 1. # 113: Inventories taken on time but not in compliance
- 2. # 119: Partial filling of prescriptions not properly documented
- 3. # 130: Required compounding/dispensing/ distribution records not complete and properly maintained
- 4. # 108: Emergency access alarm code/key not maintained in compliance
- 5. # 124: Labels do not include all required information



Universal Inspection Form

- Draft form developed by member states of NABP
- VA piloted form, offering feedback

Board E-newsletters

- Recent publication = May 2016
- Available at <u>http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/ph</u>
- Published 3-4 times annually
- Notification of current publication via email

Electronic Renewal Notification

- Provide current email addresses to Board
- Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians informed via email when time to renew
- Paper notification mailed if not renewed by deadline identified in email



Reminders for Pharmacy Technicians

- Must obtain 5 hours of board-approved CE annually!
 - Cannot carry over from year to year
 - Must be ACPE, CME Category 1, or a board of pharmacy-approved program
 - Register for NABP CPE Monitor ID number
 - Do not attest to having completed CE if you did not
 - May request one-time extension for obtaining CE, then for good cause only



Increased Access to Naloxone

- REVIVE! naloxone program
- § 54.1-3408 X authorizes pharmacist to dispense naloxone pursuant to oral, written, or standing order in accordance with protocol approved by BOP, in consultation with VDH and BOM
- Law enforcement and fire fighters may possess and administer; provides immunity

Increased Access to Naloxone

- Board-approved protocol requires:
 - Standing order issued to pharmacy, signed by physician, good for up to 2 years
 - Pharmacist to counsel unless pharmacist is able to verify successful completion of REVIVE! training program
 - Labeling, but do not have to include person's name on the label
 - Dispensing brochure must be provided-<u>http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/</u>



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QUESTIONS?