

SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, & REGULATION – BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

Pharmacy Technician Renewal Reminders

State-certified pharmacy technicians are reminded to send their new national certificate via email to contact.pharmacy@llr.sc.gov whenever this credential is renewed. Pharmacy technicians

who provide immunizations are required to obtain at least one hour of continuing education annually regarding the administration of vaccinations.

Welcome New Board Members Cassey Eunice and Josias Garcia

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The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation – Board of Pharmacy is officially composed of 10 members as of March 25, 2025, after the senate confirmation and governor appointment of two Board members. Cassey Eunice, PharmD, represents the Sixth

Congressional District; this seat was previously held by Terry Blackmon, RPh, whose term ran through June 30, 2024. Josias Garcia, CPhT, has been appointed to serve as the newly added 10th member of the Board, representing pharmacy technicians at large.

A Message From Our Outgoing Chair

As I conclude my time as chairman of the Board, I want to express my deep gratitude for the incredible honor of serving in this role. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life, and I am forever grateful for this experience. There are so many people who deserve thanks – my fellow Board members, the dedicated Board staff, and the countless pharmacists across South Carolina with whom I have had the pleasure of working. Throughout my time on the Board, I have learned from extraordinary professionals whose commitment to this field inspires me and gives me hope for future generations of pharmacists. While my journey in pharmacy is far from over, I would like to take this moment to reflect on my experience in the field and challenge every pharmacist reading this to consider the possibilities that could follow if we all became more actively engaged in shaping the future of our profession.

Pharmacy has never been static – it is a living, evolving practice. When I began my career over 30 years ago, our focus was largely on dispensing and compounding. Today, our reach extends far beyond that. We now provide patient counseling, champion medication safety, offer critical

drug information, and collaborate across health care teams. We have stepped into roles that include medication therapy management, administering immunizations, conducting health screenings, and even prescribing contraceptives. In hospitals and clinics alike, pharmacists are essential members of interdisciplinary teams, managing chronic diseases and improving patient outcomes. We are trusted because we have earned it through innovation, adaptability, and a relentless drive to improve. We are one of the most progressive fields in health care, constantly raising the bar and calling on the next generation to dream bigger and reach further.

Our educational journey has grown alongside our responsibilities. From the registered pharmacist and bachelor of science degrees to today's doctor of pharmacy graduates, many of whom pursue postgraduate residencies and board certifications, our profession offers multiple paths to excellence. Whether you are immersed in clinical practice or perfecting your craft through operational and community-based care, both avenues are vital. Together, they ensure safe, effective, and compassionate patient care.

And let us not forget that regulation matters. Gone are the days of the pharmacist tucked away in a basement. We are no longer the “lick and stick” profession. We are guardians of public health. In every meeting I chaired, the opening chairman's remarks always stated, “The South Carolina Board of Pharmacy's primary purpose is to *promote, preserve, and protect public health, safety, and welfare.*” That mission has been my guide, echoing the pharmacist's oath and anchoring my decisions in service to our state.

Serving on the Board has been a privilege that I will always cherish. And if reappointed, I will gladly serve. I am immensely proud to be part of this profession and am deeply excited about the promising future of pharmacy. Thank you, South Carolina pharmacists, for your passion, dedication, and the care you give every single day to the people of this state. Your commitment continues to shape the future of pharmacy in South Carolina, and I am confident that the people and the profession are in good hands.

With gratitude,
Artie McKnight, RPh

Meet Our Newest Inspector

Ivy Coleman, PharmD, joined the Board in April 2025 as the newest member of the inspector team.

At this time, her territory includes the following counties: Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg.

Board Meeting Notes

- The Board discussed items at its recent meetings based on questions from licensees and permit holders.
- Due to ambiguity in the statute, for the time being, the Board recognizes that hormonal contraceptives can be prescribed through a standing order or come directly from a pharmacist following the protocol provided by the SC Pharmacy Access Act. SC Senate Bill 477 seeks to clarify this language.
 - Certified pharmacy technicians may restock cabinets loaded

- with unit dose medications within a permitted institutional facility, provided that the pharmacy technician is appropriately supervised in accordance with the SC Pharmacy Practice Act.
 - Health-system-owned, non-dispensing drug outlets that store and/or administer controlled substances should not be rostered under the Health System Non-Dispensing Drug Outlet permit but should be permitted separately.
 - Virtual inspections are not currently permitted by the

Board for any reason. However, the Board is exploring available options and the feasibility of instituting virtual inspections in limited, time-specific instances.

 - Final virtual verification prior to dispensing must be conducted in person. While virtual technologies may be employed through the workflow process, the final check must be done by a licensed pharmacist physically, in person, looking at the final dosage form product. Virtual verification is not permitted in South Carolina.

FDA Discretion Periods End for Compounding Tirzepatide and Semaglutide

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued updated timelines for state-licensed pharmacies and outsourcing facilities compounding tirzepatide and semaglutide.

State-Licensed Pharmacies	Tirzepatide	Semaglutide
State-licensed pharmacies or physicians compounding, dispensing, or distributing under Section 503A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)	Enforcement discretion for compounding tirzepatide has ended.	Enforcement discretion for compounding semaglutide has ended.

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Outsourcing Facilities	Tirzepatide	Semaglutide
Outsourcing facilities compounding, distributing, or dispensing under Section 503B of the FD&C Act	Enforcement discretion for compounding tirzepatide has ended.	Enforcement discretion remains in place until May 22, 2025.

FDA will take action against facilities that violate any other statutory or regulatory requirements, such as dispensing products that are found to be unsafe. Information about the policies for compounders of tirzepatide and semaglutide injection products can be found on [FDA's website](#).

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