

# NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## Item 2498 – Board Member Elections for Northeastern and Central Districts Continue

The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy consists of six Board members (five actively licensed pharmacists and one public member). Pharmacist members of the Board are elected from five geographic areas of the state, and the public member is appointed and commissioned by the governor. Board members serve five-year terms and may serve no more than two consecutive five-year terms. Eligible voters include all pharmacists who are actively licensed and residing in North Carolina on October 31 of the year that the election begins. More information can be found in [North Carolina General Statute §90-85.7](#).

Board elections began on November 1, 2024, with two district seats in the mix this election: the

Northeastern District position presently held by Wallace Nelson and the Central District position presently held by Ashley Duggins. The winners of this election will begin their terms on May 1, 2025.

All actively licensed pharmacists living in North Carolina at the time of the election are eligible to vote, regardless of the district in which they reside. Only the candidate and the pharmacists signing the candidate's petition are limited by district.

Board member elections occur in conjunction with the annual license renewal period, including the late renewal period through March 1, 2025. Detailed information about the voting process, candidate biographies, and more is available [here](#).

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## Item 2499 – Hurricane Helene State of Emergency Extended Through March 1, 2025

On October 24, 2024, the General Assembly passed, and Governor Roy Cooper signed into law, the Disaster Recovery Act of 2024. Section 3.1 of the act extends the governor’s declared state of

emergency through March 1, 2025. Accordingly, waivers issued by the Board to facilitate Hurricane Helene relief and recovery remain in effect through March 1, 2025,

unless the Board acts to terminate them prior to that date.

Board staff continues to compile and update [information](#) concerning Helene recovery efforts.

## Item 2500 – Second Annual NCBOP Compounding Summit, February 25-27, 2025

The Board is pleased to announce its second annual Compounding Summit, taking place from February 25-27, 2025, at the Friday Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC. Come listen

to great speakers talk about the implementation of United States Pharmacopeia standards and how those standards apply to different professions.

Detailed information and registration instructions are located [here](#).



## Item 2501 – Board Completes Amendments to Rules Governing Health Care Facility Pharmacy Permits and Emergency Department Dispensing

The Board has completed amendments to the following two rules governing health care facility pharmacy practice:

**Rule 21 North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) 46.1401, Registration and Permits.** Board Rule .1401 now

clarifies that physically separate dispensing areas operated by a health care facility are not required to have a separate permit if

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those dispensing areas are either (a) contained in the same building as the permitted pharmacy or (b) contained in a building located on property contiguous to the permitted pharmacy. All physically separate dispensing areas for which most activity includes dispensing or compounding drugs for a patient’s use outside the health care facility must hold a separate permit. All health care facilities should review their dispensing areas to determine

if any satellite area no longer requires a permit or, particularly for “off-campus” areas, whether a satellite area now requires its own separate permit.

### **Rule 21 NCAC 46.1415, Emergency Department Dispensing.**

Rule .1415 now provides that, when a health care facility is closed for outpatient pharmacy services, non-pharmacy personnel dispense no more than a seven-day supply, or the smallest quantity prepacked by the

manufacturer, from a formulary of drugs for emergency department dispensing developed by the pharmacist manager. The overall substance of Rule .1415 (who, what, when, and where) is largely unchanged. Again, the main change is the larger supply of a drug that may be dispensed from an emergency department to avoid disruption to patient care.

Both amendments became effective on November 1, 2024.

## Item 2502 – Health Director’s COVID-19 Statewide Standing Orders Expired December 31, 2024

The COVID-19 Statewide Standing Orders (SWSOs), authorized under [NC Session Law 2022-74, Section 9G.7.\(a\)-\(e\)](#) and extended under [Session Law 2023-65, Section 9G.7](#), expired on December 31, 2024.

### **What This Means for Your Pharmacy:**

If your pharmacy used the SWSOs issued by Dr Elizabeth Tilson, NC state health director, to facilitate COVID-19 vaccinations, action is required to prevent disruptions in vaccine administration. Please

ensure that any changes to your pharmacy-specific vaccination protocol are in effect.

### **Action Required:**

- Review and transition to pharmacy-specific protocols.
- Implement any needed changes to your pharmacy’s vaccination protocols by January 1, 2025.
- For more information about pharmacist and pharmacy technician vaccination authority, please see this [Board guidance document](#).

- The federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act waivers, which authorize pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 vaccines, COVID-19 tests, and influenza vaccines, have been extended to December 31, 2029. When applicable, these authorities may be used in lieu of the statewide standing orders. For more information, see this [guidance document](#).



## Item 2503 – NC CSRS Launched Clinical Alert Program on December 9, 2024

The North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) launched a “clinical alert” program on December 9, 2024. Intended for prescribers, the alerts indicate that a patient has met or exceeded certain high-risk thresholds for controlled substance use and are intended to assist health care providers in identifying patients who may be at

risk of overdose or substance use disorder. The CSRS provides more detail [here](#).

Pharmacists or others with questions about the program, its purposes, or its application should contact Savannah Simpson at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services via [savannah.simpson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:savannah.simpson@dhhs.nc.gov) or 984/236-5340.

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