

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Item 2490 – Redesigned Board of Pharmacy Website Launched June 12

The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy launched its updated website on June 12. The URL – www.ncbop.org – remains the same. Improvements to the site include a cleaner, more user-friendly

interface; reorganized and more easily searchable frequently asked questions sections; and modules for each type of license, permit, and registration that the Board issues.

Item 2491 – Farewell and Thank You to Board Member Andy Bowman

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Board members and staff thank Andy Bowman for eight years of superlative service to the Board and the citizens of North Carolina. The state's pharmacists elected Dr Bowman in 2016, and he became the first graduate of the Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to serve on the Board. The state's pharmacists returned Dr Bowman to a second term on the Board in

2021. Dr Bowman twice served as the Board's president.

Dr Bowman has accepted an exciting personal and professional opportunity with the Appalachian College of Pharmacy where he will serve as assistant dean for strategic partnerships and engagement. This new opportunity will require Dr Bowman's relocation to Virginia.

Dr Bowman's impact on the practice of pharmacy in North Carolina

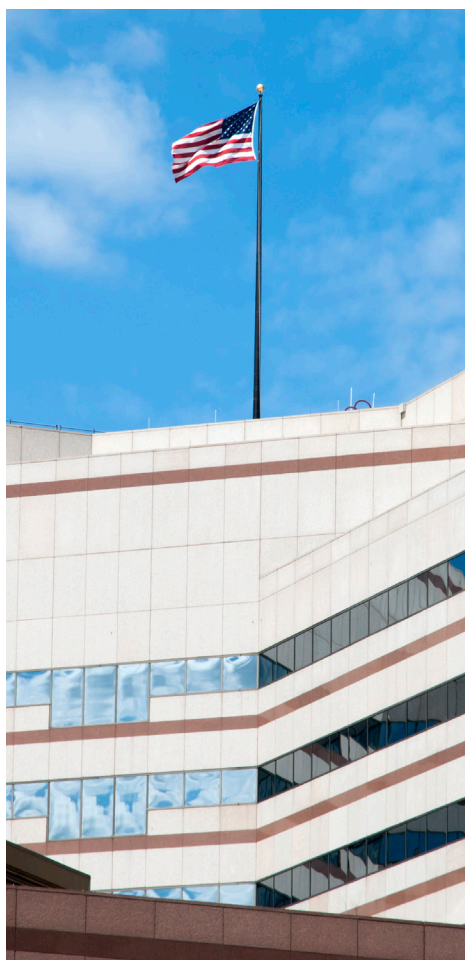
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has been profound. In addition to serving on the Board, Dr Bowman taught generations of students at the Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He served in leadership positions at the North Carolina Association

of Pharmacists, the North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network (and its successor, the North Carolina Professionals Health Program), the American Society for Pharmacy Law, and the Harnett County Pharmaceutical Association.

North Carolina pharmacy is better because of Dr Bowman's long and broad service. He will be missed. Board members and staff wish him and his wife, Sarah, every success in this new phase.



Item 2492 – Board Selects Joey McLaughlin to Fulfill Andy Bowman's Remaining Board Term

With Dr Bowman's departure (see Item 2491 above), the Board is required to select a pharmacist to fulfill the remainder of his term of service. The pharmacist members of the Board solicited nominations from qualified pharmacists. After reviewing these pharmacists' submissions, as well as holding a public interview and discussion session for all candidates at the May 21, 2024 business meeting, pharmacist members elected Robert J. "Joey" McLaughlin, Jr, to fulfill the unexpired term, which runs through April 30, 2026.

Mr McLaughlin is from New Bern, NC, and is the president and chief

executive officer of Realo Drugs, which operates several community retail pharmacies and a device and medical equipment facility. Mr McLaughlin's practice background is broad, and he is a well-liked and well-respected member of the North Carolina pharmacy community. Mr McLaughlin previously served on the Board from 2006-2016, and his service was exemplary.

Board members and staff also thank Jennifer Buxton, Jason Foil, Karen Harrell-Tosto, Wes Hickman, Amanda Lingerfelt, Brian Moore, and Jack Pate for their candidacies.

Item 2493 – Board Publishes Proposed Amendments to Two Rules Governing Health-System Pharmacy Operations

The Board has published proposed amendments to Board Rules .1401 and .1415, which govern health-system pharmacy permitting and

emergency department dispensing. The comment period runs through August 16, 2024, and written comments should be submitted

by email to ncboprulemaking@ncbop.org. The Board will also host a public hearing on the proposed amendments at 9:30 AM on Tuesday,

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July 9, 2024, and interested parties may make verbal comments on the proposed amendments then.

The Board proposes to amend [Rule 21 North Carolina Administrative Code \(NCAC\) 46.1401](#), which deals with the process of health care facilities registering with, and being issued permits by, the Board. The existing rule requires separate permits when drugs are dispensed from “separate locations” owned by a health care facility. This has caused confusion for entities – such as larger hospitals – that have multiple dispensing areas in the same hospital building or in attached or contiguous campus buildings. The proposed amendment would make clear that separate dispensing areas for inpatient populations may operate under one

permit, so long as they are in the same building or in a building on property contiguous to the principal permitted location. The amendment would further remove unnecessary provisions covered by other statutes or rules.

The Board proposes to amend [Rule 21 NCAC 46.1415](#), which deals with dispensing medications in health care facility (ie, hospital) emergency departments. The existing rule permits an emergency department to dispense a 24-hour supply of drugs to patients being discharged from the emergency department. Regulated entities have approached the Board with concerns that limitation to a 24-hour supply poses problems with respect to (a) patients who may have difficulty getting additional prescriptions filled

before the 24-hour supply expires (such as patients being discharged on weekends in rural areas) and (b) continuity of care for drugs that require longer courses of treatment and may create adverse effects in the case that they are interrupted. The proposed amendment would increase that limit to seven days. In addition, the proposed rule would clarify unclear language about whether a hospital emergency department may dispense drugs to discharged patients at a time when the hospital has an outpatient pharmacy open and available to dispense those drugs.

More information about these proposed amendments is found here: <https://www.ncbop.org/rulemakings.htm>.

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