

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Item 2516 – Changes to CPP Practice Authority

On October 1, 2025, changes to a clinical pharmacist practitioner's (CPP's) scope of practice enacted in Session Law (SL) 2025-37 became effective. North Carolina Board of Pharmacy staff has prepared several resources for pharmacists who are or are contemplating becoming CPPs.

A general guide to the new authority and new applicant review process is found [here](#). All information on the Board website's [CPP resource section](#) has been updated to reflect the changes, including the addition of a step-by-step guide to the revised application.

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Item 2517 – Upcoming Election for Board Member From the Southeastern District

The next Board election will begin on November 1, 2025, and will be for the Southeastern District position, presently held by Robert (Joey) McLaughlin from Trenton, NC. The winner of this election will begin their term on May 1, 2026.

As of this newsletter publication, pharmacists wishing to stand for election will have submitted their notices and petitions, signed by 10 pharmacists who reside in the Southeastern District (Beaufort,



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Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, and Wayne Counties).

The election will take place over the license renewal period, including the “late” renewal period – November 1, 2025, through March 1, 2026. In the coming

weeks, all pharmacists will receive more information about the candidates and the election on the Board’s [website](#) and in the weekly email to all pharmacists.

Voting is simplicity itself. All licensed pharmacists who reside in North Carolina at the time of the election will have access to a Board election tile in their Licensure Gateway profile.

Item 2518 – NC DHHS CSRS Launches Pharmacy Compliance Program

On September 3, 2025, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) began contacting pharmacies and dispensers with outstanding dispensation errors from the previous quarter, in accordance with NC General Statute (GS) 90-113.73(e).

Registered NC CSRS users with a dispenser role type receive automated notifications based on

dispensation errors associated with their profile Employer Drug Enforcement Administration number. Dispensers receive notifications each day an error(s) exists for a total of 30 days. NC DHHS CSRS staff will contact pharmacies or dispensers from the previous calendar quarter by phone or email regarding outstanding errors requiring correction. Failure to correct these errors may result in civil penalties.

Resources are available to assist with error correction. Dispensers may visit the [NC DHHS CSRS web page](#) for [dispenser](#) and [veterinary dispenser](#) guides.

Pharmacists are reminded that the Board of Pharmacy does not oversee the CSRS, so all technical issues and questions regarding error correction should be directed to NC DHHS CSRS at nccsrs@dhhs.nc.gov.

Item 2519 – Updated Guidance on Dispensing Epinephrine Delivery Systems to Schools and Public Places

A recent legislative change added epinephrine nasal delivery systems to the products that can be prescribed for schools and public places. Board staff has updated frequently asked questions (FAQs) on dispensing epinephrine delivery systems to reflect the change. The updated FAQ guidance is found [here](#).

Item 2520 – Post-HIV Exposure Statewide Protocol Amended

Acting on a request from the North Carolina Division of Public Health, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and North Carolina Medical Board have approved changes to the HIV post-exposure

prophylaxis (PEP) protocol that qualifying immunizing pharmacists may deploy in practice. These changes conform the protocol to the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

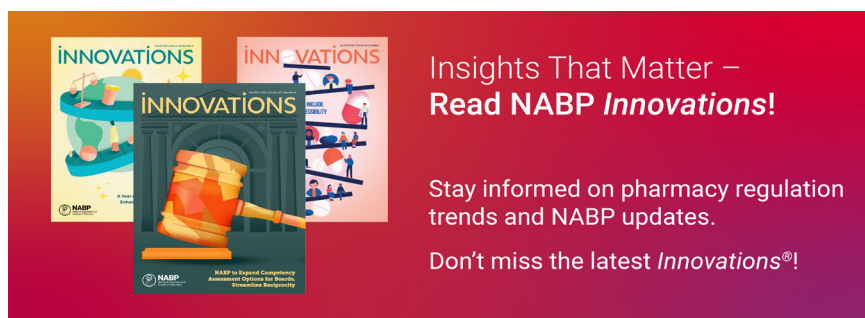
guidelines. The updated protocol is found [here](#). Overall guidance on qualified immunizing pharmacist protocol-based authority (including links to all statewide protocols) is found [here](#).

Item 2521 – State Health Director’s Standing Orders for Pharmacists Updated

The North Carolina State Health Director’s Epinephrine Auto Injector Standing Order and North Carolina’s Standing Order for Opioid Antagonists (found [here](#)) have been re-signed by new State Health Director Dr Larry Greenblatt. Pharmacists are reminded that the statewide protocols under

which qualified pharmacists may initiate nicotine replacement therapy, self-administered hormonal contraceptives, prenatal vitamins, HIV PEP, and glucagon are not standing orders from the state health director. A qualified pharmacist exercising authority under these protocols must use

the pharmacist’s/pharmacy’s National Provider Identifier number for tracking and billing. More information on this protocol authority is found [here](#).



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Item 2522 – North Carolina Class C Driver’s License Extension and Identification for CS Dispensing

North Carolina law (GS 90-106.1) requires that a pharmacy obtain a qualifying identification prior to dispensing certain controlled substances (CS). Full details on that requirement and its application to various scenarios is found [here](#). With respect to a qualifying identification, the statute requires that it be “valid” and “unexpired,” per GS 90-106.1(a).

On July 1, 2025, [Governor Stein signed into law SL 2025-47](#).

Section 18.(b) of that law states:

Notwithstanding . . . any other State law to the contrary, a Class C regular drivers license

shall remain valid for purposes of establishing the license holder’s driving privilege for a period of up to two years after its expiration. The section shall not apply to any drivers license that is currently canceled, revoked, or suspended.

The extension applies to “Class C regular drivers licenses that expire on or after [the statute’s effective date of July 1, 2025],” and the extension “expires December 31, 2027.”

Therefore, under the plain language of SL 2025-47, any non-canceled, non-revoked, non-suspended

Class C North Carolina driver’s license with a printed expiration date that falls on or after July 1, 2025, is “valid” and “unexpired” through December 31, 2027. As such, it may be used for dispensing CS under GS 90-106.1, as well as any other pharmacy activities that require the production of valid, unexpired identification.

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