



Missouri Board of Pharmacy

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New Public Member Appointed by Governor Carnahan

Anita K. Parran has been appointed to the Missouri Board of Pharmacy as the public member. A resident of Kansas City, Mo, Ms Parran holds an MA degree in business management from Webster University, an AA in liberal arts, and a BA in journalism from Stephens College. Ms Parran is the associate state director for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and previously held positions with the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, Park College, and the Ohio Arts Council. She is also a member and has served in a variety of capacities for several associations, including the Association for Women in Communication; Greater Kansas City Professional Chapter, the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists; and the Urban League of Greater Kansas City-Career & Education Exposure Program. Ms Parran will serve a five-year term on the Board.

Renewal of Licenses

License renewal applications will be prepared and mailed by the Division of Professional Registration to pharmacist licensees and pharmacy permit holders during August. Pharmacy permit renewal applications will be for a one-year period from November 1, 2000, until October 31, 2001. Pharmacist license renewal applications will be for a period of two years (biennial) from November 1, 2000, until October 31, 2002. Renewal applications must be completed correctly in order to renew a license. Errors or omissions in the completion of the renewal application process will require that the application be rejected and returned. It is recommended that completing and mailing the renewal application be done as soon as possible to allow time for processing before the license expires.

Registration of Technicians

The initial registration period for technicians concluded successfully with more than 8,000 applications processed by the Board office. Current registrations that are issued will expire on June 30, 2001.

It is important to note that any person hired to fulfill the role of a technician must immediately apply for a registration. During the time between sending in the registration application and receiving a registration certificate or other response from the Board, a copy of the application must be maintained on file at the place(s) of employment.

Board of Pharmacy Web Site

Just a reminder that the Board of Pharmacy has a Web site containing a great deal of information, such as the generic drug negative formulary, the technician disqualification list, past *Newsletter*

issues, the Practice Act, Board regulations, and more. In addition, there are links to other important sites that may be helpful concerning issues surrounding the practice of pharmacy. In the coming year, the site will also include access to more licensee information, as well as a section containing answers to frequently asked questions. The site address is www.ecodev.state.mo.us/pr/pharmacy/.

The Practice of Pharmacy and the Internet

The role of the Internet continues to be an issue within the profession as well as with federal regulators, consumers, and even Congress. A number of pharmacies have designed Web sites that offer consumers health care information and can act as a source of communication between pharmacists and their patients. Some sites are initiating pharmacy practice by providing clinical-type services over the Internet. Other services may include formulary management programs, drug utilization review services, and practitioner consultations.

Two aspects of Internet pharmacy sites are of vital importance in regards to compliance. First, any type of program, service, or consultation that involves patient-specific services or attempts to directly manage the transactions of a pharmacy must be licensed as a Class I: Consultant Pharmacy, whether located within the state or in another state. Second, any time patient-specific data or information is transferred over the Internet via e-mail, files, or video systems, the pharmacist/pharmacy must ensure appropriate security of the information is always maintained at all levels before, during, and after transmissions. Some pharmacies are now attempting to dispense drugs using Internet links as communication portals.

While there are legitimate ways of dispensing drugs using the Internet, pharmacists and pharmacies should be well aware that their duty to dispense drugs for legitimate prescriptions is of vital importance. While the Board does not expect pharmacists to directly police all prescriptions that are presented for dispensing, obviously the source and the method by which the prescription was obtained is important. A pharmacist cannot turn a blind eye to violations of drug and/or prescribing laws where the pharmacist knows or should have known that such violations are occurring. An example here could be made of what are called "lifestyle" drug sites. These sites are "combination sites" that allow anyone to complete a brief questionnaire, supply a credit card number, and obtain the drug. Much has been made about these sites in the national pharmacy, medical, and consumer press. Dispensing of this type is inappropriate. There is no bonafide patient-physician relationship due to the lack of an adequate physical exam and/or clinical assessment. There is no way to

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appropriately follow up on the accuracy of answers to printed questions or on the use of the product.

According to the Board of Healing Arts, an online or telephonic evaluation by questionnaire is inadequate and does not comply with the intent of Chapter 334, Practice of Medicine. In addition, any physician providing medical services to a consumer located in this state must be licensed with the Board of Healing Arts. (See 334.010 RSMo.)

Licensing Actions

Kenneth R. Bittel, Mission, Kan – June 8, 2000. Voluntarily surrendered license. Diversion of controlled substances for personal use. Section 338.055.2(1), (5), (13), and (15), RSMo Supp. 1999.

Paul H. Bricker, Wildwood, Mo – April 20, 2000. Violation of previous discipline order. Probation for five (5) years, until April 19, 2005. Misappropriated controlled substances from place of employment; inadequate pharmacy security. Section 338.055.2(5), (13), and (15).

Jerome J. Geolat, Bonne Terre, Mo – May 11, 2000. Probation for five (5) years, until May 10, 2005. Dispensed, or attempted to dispense, drug samples; improperly dispensed partially filled controlled substance scripts; and allowed technicians to dispense with no pharmacist on duty. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo 1999 Supp.

Michael A. Hefley, Blue Springs, Mo – May 2, 2000. Probation for three (3) years, until May 1, 2003. Dispensed non-controlled and controlled substances without valid prescriptions; labeling violations; and recordkeeping violations. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo 1999 Supp.

Kenneth R. Mullins, Columbia, Mo – April 26, 2000. Probation for five (5) years, until April 25, 2005. Diverted controlled substances for personal use without prescription; falsified pharmacy records; falsified or failed to report losses to appropriate agencies; impaired pharmacist. Section 338.055.2(1), (5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo Supp. 1998.

Ralph A. Reppond, Joplin, Mo – June 2, 2000. Probation for five (5) years, until June 1, 2005. Misappropriated controlled substances for personal use. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), (13), and (15).

Grant A. Sudholt, St Louis, Mo – April 21, 2000. Censure of license. Dispensed controlled substances before previously filled supply of controlled substances should have been exhausted; and

dispensed controlled substance without prescription. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo 1994.

Pharmacies and Drug Distributors

Allen Street Apothecary, Bonne Terre, Mo – May 16, 2000. Probation for five (5) years, until May 15, 2005. Pharmacy personnel dispensed, or attempted to dispense, drug samples; improperly dispensed partially filled controlled substance scripts; and technicians dispensed with no pharmacist on duty. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), and (15), RSMo 1999 Supp.

Marr's Pharmacy, Blue Springs, Mo – May 2, 2000. Probation for four (4) years, until May 1, 2004. Controlled substance audit discrepancies. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), and (15), RSMo Supp. 1999.

SLSM Home Care, Inc, Smithville, Mo – April 26, 2000. Probation for three (3) years, until April 25, 2003. Operated without a pharmacist-in-charge and a full-time pharmacist on duty. Inadequate security over drug inventory that resulted in drug shortages. Recordkeeping violations. Section 338.055.2(6) and (15), RSMo Supp. 1998.

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