

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY RULES,  
RULE 480-33-.01 DEFINITIONS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes adoption of new Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-33-.01 DEFINITIONS (hereinafter “proposed amendments”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy’s web page at [www.gbp.georgia.gov](http://www.gbp.georgia.gov).

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on December 13, 2023 at Department of Community Health, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to December 6, 2023. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. You may email your comments to [elacefield@dch.ga.gov](mailto:elacefield@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on December 13, 2023 at Department of Community Health, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-27.

At its meeting on July 19, 2023, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

Also, at its meeting on July 19, 2023, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for

businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 13 day of November, 2023.



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Executive Director  
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: November 13, 2023.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-33-.01 DEFINITIONS**

- Purpose:** To amend the rule to correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and/or formatting in the language of the rule.
- Main Features:** Correction of errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and/or formatting in the rule language.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-33-.01 DEFINITIONS**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**Text of the proposed rule is attached hereto.**

### **Rule 480-33-.01. Definitions**

- (1) **Outpatient Clinic.** An outpatient clinic shall be defined as a health care facility or location, other than a medical practitioner's office, providing outpatient treatment or ~~ease-care~~ such as, but not limited to, an outpatient surgery center, outpatient urgent care center, infusion treatment center, or ambulatory care center.
- (2) ~~(b)~~ **Outpatient Clinic Pharmacy.** An outpatient clinic pharmacy shall be defined as that part of an outpatient clinic health care facility engaged in the practice of pharmacy.
- (3) **Outpatient Clinic Pharmacy License.** An outpatient clinic pharmacy license shall be defined as a pharmacy license issued by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy to Clinic pharmacies, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Title 26, Chapter 4, whereas the licensee shall be subject to special outpatient clinic pharmacy regulations as set forth herein, but exempt from other certain regulations and requirements.
- (4) **Outpatient.** An outpatient shall be defined as an ambulatory patient who comes to an outpatient clinic to receive health care services related to the objectives of the outpatient clinic and departs within 24 hours.
- (5) **Standard Ward Inventory.** The pharmacist-in-charge of the outpatient clinic pharmacy or his/her pharmacist designee may, in the best interest of the patients served, establish one or more lists of the kind and quantity of drugs to be kept at one or more locations at all times within the outpatient clinic and such stocks of drugs shall be known as standard ward inventory. The use of standard ward inventory shall be minimized. A copy of the list of items on standard ward inventory must be kept by the pharmacist-in-charge or his/her pharmacist designee.
- (6) **Outpatient Prescription.** An outpatient prescription shall be defined as a prescription drug order prescribed by a medical practitioner engaged in the practice of that clinic and prescribed for services received in that clinic in conjunction with health care services related to the objectives of that clinic.

Authority: O.C.G.A. ~~Sees:~~ §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-37, 26-4-100, 26-4-110.