

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY RULES,  
RULE 480-7C-.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 480-7C-.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 August 21, 2024 at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Pharmacy, 625 Old Peachtree Road, NW, Suwanee, Georgia 30024 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 August 19, 2024. 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 [james.joiner@dch.ga.gov](mailto:james.joiner@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 August 21, 2024 at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Pharmacy, 625 Old Peachtree Road, NW, Suwanee, Georgia 30024. 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. §§ 26-4-5, 26-4-27, and 26-4-28.

At its meeting on January 10, 2024, 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 January 10, 2024, 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 19 day of July, 2024.



J. Clinton Leiner, II  
Executive Director  
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: July 19, 2024.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-7C-.01 DEFINITIONS**

**Purpose:** To define specific terms used in Chapter 480-7C of the Rules of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy.

**Main Features:** Definition of specific terms used in Chapter 480-7C of the Rules of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-7C-.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 480-7C-.01 Definitions**

- (1) “Controlled substance” means a controlled substance defined in the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.
- (2) “Dangerous drugs” means a drug defined in the Georgia Dangerous Drug Act.
- (3) “Third-party logistics provider” means an entity that provides or coordinates warehousing, distribution, or other services on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or chain pharmacy but does not take title to a drug or have general responsibility to direct the sale or other disposition of the drug.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-5, 26-4-27, and 26-4-28.