

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY RULES,  
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL, 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 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL (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 April 9, 2025 at South University, School of Pharmacy, 709 Mall Blvd., Savannah, GA 31406 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 April 8, 2025. 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 April 9, 2025 at South University, School of Pharmacy, 709 Mall Blvd., Savannah, GA 31406. 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. §§ 16-13-24, 16-13-35, 16-13-39, 16-13-72, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-110, and 43-1-25.

At its meeting on December 18, 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 December 18, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



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Executive Director  
Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Posted: March 5, 2025.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL**

- Purpose:** To clarify the language of the rule and the requirements of the actors hereunder.
- Main Features:** This amendment removes definitions of the terms "Consultant Pharmacist," and "Vendor Pharmacists." This amendment provides for the duties and responsibilities of vendor and consultant pharmacists.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
RULE 480-24-.02 PERSONNEL**

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 480-24-.02 Personnel**

- (1) ~~Consultant Pharmacist. A consultant pharmacist is a pharmacist licensed to engage in the practice of pharmacy in this state who is responsible for developing, coordinating, and supervising pharmaceutical services in the nursing facility. These services~~The responsibilities of the Consulting Pharmacist shall include, at a minimum, review of each patient's drug regimen monthly and report of any irregularities to the Medical Director and Administrator of the nursing facility, written reports of pharmaceutical services, and monitoring of established policies and procedures for medication handling and storage.
- (2) ~~Vendor Pharmacist. A vendor pharmacist is a pharmacist licensed to engage in the practice of pharmacy in this state who is responsible for supervising the proper dispensing and delivery of drugs to a nursing facility. These services~~The responsibilities of the Vendor Pharmacist shall include, at a minimum, proper drug labeling, storage, transport, and record keeping in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-34, 16-13-35, 16-13-39, 16-13-72, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, and 26-4-110.