

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD
OF PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-10-.18 PHARMACY ANTI-STEERING AND TRANSPARENCY ACT AND
AFFILIATES, 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 a new rule to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-10-.18 PHARMACY ANTI-STEERING AND TRANSPARENCY ACT AND AFFILIATES (hereinafter "proposed rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, 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 rule, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed rule 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 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on September 16, 2020 via conference call at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. 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 September 9, 2020. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to elacefield@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:05 AM on 9/16/2020 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-119.

At its meeting on March 4, 2020, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule 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.

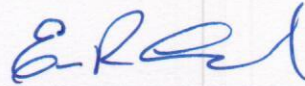
Also, at its meeting on March 4, 2020, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of

this rule 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 4th day of August, 2020.



Eric R. Lacefield
Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: August 4, 2020

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULES
RULE 480-10-.18 PHARMACY ANTI-STEERING AND TRANSPARENCY ACT AND
AFFILIATES**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to incorporate the new requirement imposed by O.C.G.A. § 26-4-119.

Main Feature: The main feature of this rule is to incorporate the annual disclosure statement required by O.C.G.A. § 26-4-119 and instituting a deadline date.

**PROPOSED RULE FOR THE
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AFFILIATES**

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

480-10-.18 Pharmacy Anti-Steering and Transparency Act and Affiliates

If a retail pharmacy has an affiliate as defined by O.C.G.A. § 26-4-119, it shall annually file a disclosure statement identifying all such affiliates no later than June 30 every year.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-119.