



Georgia Board of Pharmacy *NEWS*

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

DEA elimination of DATA-Waiver Program

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration announced as of January 12, 2023 that it is eliminating the DATA-Waiver Program. This policy change stems from the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 on December 29, 2022.

According to its website, all DEA registrants should be aware of the following:

A DATA-Waiver registration is no longer required to treat patients with buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.

Going forward, all prescriptions for buprenorphine only require a standard DEA registration number. The previously used DATA-Waiver registration numbers are no longer needed for any prescription.

There are no longer any limits or patient caps on the number of patients a prescriber may treat for opioid use disorder with buprenorphine.

The Act does not impact existing state laws or regulations that may be applicable.

More information on this announcement is available on the DEA's website:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/index.html>

GEORGIA DRUGS AND NARCOTICS AGENCY UPDATE

The Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency would like to remind pharmacists the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration ended on May 11, 2023. Georgia pharmacists are no longer able to order vaccinations without a protocol signed by a physician. Pharmacists should ensure their protocols are current and include the vaccinations they intend to administer. OCGA 43-34-26.1 is the law that outlines the protocol requirements.

For more information go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/end-of-phe.html> / [End of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\) Declaration | CDC](#)

Governor Kemp signed HB416 on May 02, 2023, which allows a registered and qualified technician to administer vaccinations under the supervision of a pharmacist. OCGA 26-4-52 is the law that outlines the pharmacist's and technician's specific requirements. Pharmacists must ensure vaccinating technicians have been properly trained and hold the appropriate Basic Cardiac Life Support certification.

The DEA has also published guidance with the ending of the Public Health Emergency. Below is a link to this latest information.

[\(DEA-DC-072\)\(EO-DEA277\) Dear Registrant Letter PHE Exceptions Ending and Continuing HHS Comments - Fina2.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

If you are interested in applying for a position with the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, please visit our website at www.GDNA.Georgia.gov. We are currently accepting application for the Special Agent position in Southwest Georgia. If you live in or around that area and you have at least two years of professional experience as a pharmacist, we encourage you to apply.

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LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

BOARD OF PHARMACY STATEMENT REGARDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RULES

The Secretary of State's Office has accepted the filing of the Board's amendments to, and issued effective dates for the following Rules of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy:

Rule	Effective Date
480-2-.04 Examinations	5/24/2023
480-2-.05 Reciprocity	5/24/2023
480-2-.06 Temporary Licenses	5/24/2023
480-10-.01 Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs Inspection, Retention of Records and Security	5/24/2023
480-11-.02 Compounded Drug Preparations	5/24/2023
480-36-.01 Definitions	5/24/2023
480-36-.02 Licensing	5/24/2023
480-36-.03 Personnel and Supervision	5/24/2023
480-36-.04 Policy and Procedures	5/24/2023
480-36-.05 Record Keeping	5/24/2023
480-36-.06 Patient Counseling	5/24/2023
480-36-.07 Notification to Patients	5/24/2023
480-10-.02 Prescription Department, Requirement, Supervision, Hours Closed	6/9/2023
480-10-.06 Licensure, Applications, and Display of License and Renewal Certificate	6/9/2023
480-22-.12 Requirements of Prescription Drug Orders as Issed by PA or APRN Licensed in GA	6/9/2023
480-27-.01 Definitions	6/9/2023
480-27-.02 Prescription Drug Order Requirements	6/9/2023
480-27-.04 Use of Facsimile Machine to Transmit or Receive Prescription Drug Order	6/9/2023
480-27-.05 Record-Keeping When Utilizing an Automated Data Processing System	6/9/2023

Upcoming Board Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
250 W Green St.
Athens, GA 30602

Board Members

President: Michael Azzolin

Vice President: Chuck Page

Dean Stone

Michael Brinson

Young Chang

Cecil Cordle

Michael Farmer

Consumer Member: Jim Bracewell

Public Board Meetings

January 18, 2023

February 15, 2023

March 8, 2023

April 12 & 13, 2023

May 24, 2023

June 14, 2023

July 19, 2023

August 16, 2023

September 13, 2023

October 18, 2023

November 15 & 16, 2023

December 13, 2023