

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-13-.03 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 amendments to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-13-.03 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 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 November 8, 2017 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 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 November 1, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX: 678-717-6694. You may email your comments to tbattle@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 9:05 AM on 11/8/2017 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36th 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 amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-4, 26-4-5, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-80, and 26-4-86.

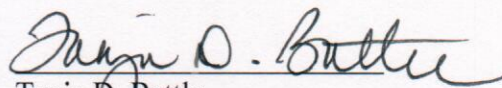
At its meeting on September 15, 2017, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

At its meeting on 9/15/2017, the Board also 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 these amendments 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 3rd day of Oct., 2017.



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Georgia Board of Pharmacy

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-13-.03 PERSONNEL**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to define the roles and responsibilities of personnel within hospital pharmacy.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to clearly establish the roles and responsibilities of Director of Pharmacy, supportive personnel, and supervision requirements.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-13-.03 PERSONNEL**

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

RULE 480-13-.03 PERSONNEL

(1) Director of Pharmacy. Each hospital pharmacy shall be directed by a pharmacist, hereinafter referred to as the Director of Pharmacy, who is licensed to engage in the practice of pharmacy in this State, and who is knowledgeable in and thoroughly familiar with the specialized functions of hospital pharmacies. The Director of Pharmacy shall be responsible for all activities of the hospital pharmacy, and for meeting the requirements of the Georgia Pharmacy Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. The Director of Pharmacy or his/her pharmacist designee should be employed on a fulltime basis consistent with need.

(2) Supportive personnel. The Director of Pharmacy shall be assisted by a sufficient number of additional pharmacists, and ancillary personnel as may be required to operate such pharmacy competently, safely, and to meet the needs of the patients of the hospital facility.

(a) The Director of Pharmacy shall insure that trained personnel shall be employed in the pharmacy. The Director of Pharmacy shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to specify the duties to be performed by such personnel. These policies and procedures shall, at a minimum, specify that such personnel are personally and directly supervised by a licensed pharmacist and that such personnel are not assigned duties which may be performed only by licensed pharmacists. The Director of Pharmacy shall be responsible for the implementation of the written policies and responsible to the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy for the activities of the pharmacy.

(b) Secretarial and clerical assistance and support shall be provided as required to assist with record keeping, report submission, and other administrative duties, provided such personnel do not perform any dispensing duties.

(c) Any licensed pharmacist performing pharmaceutical duties within the hospital shall operate and fall under the supervision of the Director of Pharmacy.

(3) Supervision. All of the activities and operations of each hospital pharmacy shall be personally and directly supervised by its Director of Pharmacy. All functions and activities of non-licensed pharmacy personnel shall be personally and directly supervised by an adequate number of licensed pharmacists to insure that all such functions and activities are performed competently, safely, and without risk of harm to patients. Personal supervision can only be accomplished by the physical presence of a licensed pharmacist in the hospital.

Authority: O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-29, 26-4-83, 26-4-84, and 26-4-110