

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-37-.02 LICENSURE., 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 480-37-.02 LICENSURE. (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 11:00 AM on January 14, 2016 at the South University School of Pharmacy, 709 Mall Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 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 January 4, 2016. 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: 678-717-6435. 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 11:05 AM on 1/14/2016 at the South University School of Pharmacy, 709 Mall Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 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. §§ 26-4-5, 26-4-28, 26-4-110.

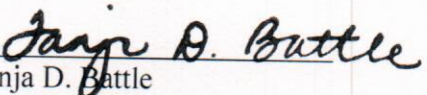
At its meeting on November 18, 2015, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

At its meeting on 11/18/2015, 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 30th day of November, 2015.



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Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: November 30, 2015

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-37-.02 LICENSURE.**

Purpose of Amendments: The purpose of these amendments is to provide for the renewal of RAMS.

Main Features: The main feature of these amendments is to require reinstatement where the application for renewal is not made and the fee paid before September 1st of the odd-numbered year.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-37-.02 LICENSURE.**

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

480-37-.02 Licensure.

(a) In order to install or operate a RAMS, a Georgia licensed pharmacy must make application for licensure to the Board on a form approved by the Board, and pay a fee. No person other than an approved licensed pharmacy may install or operate a RAMS. Each location having a RAMS must have a separate license from the Board. If more than one licensed pharmacy operates a RAMS at the same skilled nursing facility or hospice, each licensed pharmacy must maintain a registration at the skilled nursing facility or hospice. A Georgia licensed pharmacy that has paid a fee for one RAMS location will ~~not~~ be required to pay fees for the additional locations.

(b) Licenses are renewed for two years and expire on June 30th of each odd-numbered year. Renewals are contingent upon the renewal of the pharmacy facility license. If the application for renewal is not made and the fee paid before September 1st of the odd-numbered year, the license shall lapse, and an application for reinstatement shall be required. Reinstatement is at the sole discretion of the Board.

~~(b)~~(c) A Georgia licensed pharmacy may only use the RAMS at a skilled nursing facility or hospice licensed as such pursuant to O.C.G.A. T. 31, Ch. 7, that does not have an on-site licensed pharmacy.

~~(e)~~(d) The Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) for a licensed pharmacy shall be considered the PIC for each separate license to operate a RAMS at a skilled nursing facility or hospice.

~~(d)~~(e) The RAMS must collect, control, and maintain all transaction information.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§26-4-5, 26-4-28, 26-4-110.