

Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners

MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

ORGANIZATION:

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)
September 30, 2021

- Organization Update:

- NAPLEX Score Reports

NABP has collaborated with AACP and ACPE to standardize NAPLEX score reports that colleges of pharmacy will receive and when they will receive them. Two new college of pharmacy score reports will now be provided in January for the previous calendar year, and in April after the academic school year encompassing from April 1 to March 31 for the previous academic year. These agreed upon reports were implemented for 2021.

- In-Person and Hybrid Meetings

NABP has resumed hosting in-person meetings at its headquarters as well as offsite locations. For committees, task forces and interactive forums, NABP has offered virtual participation capabilities for those participants who are unable to travel due to various restrictions. In light of concerns and mandates related to COVID-19, NABP has determined that at this time all members participating in forums, task forces, and committees must:

1. Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
2. Have a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arriving at the meeting location; or
3. Have documented natural COVID-19 immunity (ie, COVID-19 antibodies).

Currently, NABP is not asking for evidence of vaccination or testing. However, due to the current State of Illinois mandate, masks must be worn in indoor public places.

- NABP Emergency Passport Program

In March 2020, NABP launched the Emergency Passport program to provide critical licensure and disciplinary screening which enabled many of our member boards to safely and efficiently grant temporary or emergency licensure in response to COVID-19. The NABP Emergency Passport Program ceased operations as of June 30, 2021. Going forward, the NABP Emergency Passport program will be reactivated and used for emergency response purposes.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy requested that NABP reactivate the Emergency Passport program to allow pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacist interns, and pharmacies licensed and in good standing in another state to assist

in the care of thousands of Louisiana residents, as well as those from other gulf coast states impacted by this storm. Those individuals and pharmacies that previously held Louisiana Passports for COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura relief were reactivated subsequent to a review of the NABP Disciplinary Clearinghouse. No additional license or registration was issued by the Louisiana Board. Individuals and pharmacies that had an active NABP Emergency Passport could begin assisting in the aid efforts immediately. Any Emergency Passport issued related to Hurricane Ida relief in Louisiana will be in full effect until November 30, 2021.

- o DSCSA Update/Initiatives

The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) requires all sectors of the US prescription drug supply chain to comply with new requirements including the creation of an enhanced interoperable system by November 2023 to share and collect data. Boards, regulators, and dispenser perspectives are significantly underrepresented in ongoing industry groups and existing solutions focus heavily on manufacturer/distributor requirements. State boards of pharmacy, other state regulatory bodies, and pharmacies are likely to need education and technical assistance in understanding, aligning on requirements, and complying with current and impending federal legislation and FDA guidance.

In response, NABP will work with associations and stakeholders that represent the pharmacy community to help develop clear and accurate guidance and tools for DSCSA compliance. In addition, NABP will equip its member boards of pharmacy with guidance that can be used to educate their licensees. The guidance will address the minimum requirements and/or documentation board licensees will need to provide for proof of DSCSA compliance.

In addition, as the boards of pharmacy and other state regulators look ahead to full implementation of the enhanced system, establishing a secure and efficient mechanism for regulators to request transaction information from trading partners will be critical. Based on feedback from our membership, NABP proposes the development of an interactive system to facilitate state regulator requests for transaction information from trading partners.

NABP intends to convene trading partners, state boards of pharmacy, and solution providers to define business and technical requirements that will meet the needs of the regulatory and pharmacy communities as well as integrate with other trading partners.