

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
October 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Ann Taylor
Mary Inguanti
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Living Well LTC Pharmacy LLC
85 Commerce Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
Sameer Sharaf, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request with change to install an additional window for customer access, for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth a in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Remodels (s)

CVS Pharmacy #1966
1057 Boston Post Road
Guilford, CT 06437
Genevieve Robinson, District Leader

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm to approve the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 6-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Legal

Case Number: 2022-1346 Walgreens #03359; PCY.0001539

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine non-sterile compounding pharmacy inspection. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to failed to maintain the entire pharmacy premises, its components and contents in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition, and to have failed to demonstrate adherence to provisions of the United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 795, Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,500. Respondent shall also comply with all laws related to closures, pharmacy manager, and related notifications.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti is stepdown, Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number: 2022-1636 Walgreens #05406; PCY.0001768

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following notice of unscheduled pharmacy closures. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to failed to have closed more than one calendar day for any unscheduled closure, and to have had more than two unscheduled pharmacy closures in a thirty-day period.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$500, which has been paid. Respondent further agrees to notify the Commission of Pharmacy of changes in pharmacy management as required by law and ensure manager duties are carried out even during transition periods.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number: 2022-1912 Walgreens #06757; PCY.0001838

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a consumer complaint concerning several unexpected closures. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to have closed more than one calendar day for any unscheduled closing, closed more than twice in any thirty-day period, failed to report each closing of the prescription department within 72 hours after closing, comply with notification requirements for a change in pharmacy management, and failed to comply with pharmacy record requirements by making complete prescription records immediately available to a nearby pharmacy when the pharmacy department closed temporarily.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$12,000, implement and maintain improved Standard Operating Procedures relating to in-process prescriptions that allow patients to access prescriptions in alternate locations as needed, notify inquiring patients of such policies, and train and advise staff on such policies and procedures to ensure patient access to in-process prescriptions at this location and any location that may absorb patients in the event of an unscheduled closure.

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number: 2023-541 Walgreens #09784; PCY.0001465

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine compliance inspection at the location. Respondent Pharmacy is alleged to have violated unscheduled closing requirements by closing more than one calendar day and more than twice in any thirty-day period, failed to report each unscheduled closing pharmacy within 72 hours, and failed to have dispensing pharmacists document refill information for Schedule III, IV, and V controlled substances as required under state law and regulations.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$5,000. Respondent shall additionally maintain refill information for Schedule III, IV, and V Controlled substances inside a bound logbook with appropriate signature by dispensing pharmacist for each dispensation, and provide notification and training to staff to ensure such logbook is appropriately maintained.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s)

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

Commissioner DeFazio provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner DeFazio emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role in contrast to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include leadership, technician registration, license renewals, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Samantha Nimri

Brandyn Balzano

Jean Johnson-Stewart

John Wozniak

CVS Pharmacy – Bethel

Rite Aid Pharmacy – Wallingford

Health Complex Medical – Woodbridge

Walgreens Pharmacy – East Haven

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)

The following candidates(s) were interviewed over the telephone and attested that the information provided was true and accurate to the best of their belief and understood that any misrepresentation of the fact could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Yasmeen Alam

John M Bartlett

Charlotte M Catarsi

Tarek H Elawa

Yakun Fu

Saipriya Gadiraju

Jinna Min

Rabya M Mirza

Mi T Phan

Tomasello J Riccio

Justyna S Sudyka

Jacqueline M Turner

Esther E Ukpokpo

Richard G Zacccone

Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Reciprocity from Virginia

Reciprocity from Wisconsin

Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

Reciprocity from Michigan

Reciprocity from New Jersey

Reciprocity from Maryland

Reciprocity from Rhode Island

Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Reciprocity from South Carolina

Reciprocity from District of Columbia

Reciprocity from Massachusetts

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Non-Resident New Application Request (s) Pharmacy Approval

American Service and Product Inc dba ASAP Pharmacy – Orland Park, IL

Get Relief RX LLC – Billings, MT

GO MD Pharmacy LLC – Memphis, TN

Medwiz Specialty Pharmacy LLC – Woodridge, IL

Pantherx Specialty LLC dba Pantherx Specialty Pharmacy – Collierville, TN

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner Carbray seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above new non-resident pharmacy applications for licensure.

Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation

Accord Specialty Pharmacy -Orange City FL

A & S Pharmacy LLC dba Specialty RXCare – Sugar Land, TX

Dania Rexall Pharmacy & Medical Supply Inc – Dania Beach, FL

Jase Pharmacies LLC – West Jordan, UT

Link Pharmacy Corp – Dallas, TX

Premier Pharmacy – San Antonio, TX

Prime Health Inc dba The Chemist Shop – Long Island City, NY

Sbarro America dba PRXP of CA LLC – Columbus, OH

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner DeFazio seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above non-resident pharmacy applications submitted with additional information for licensure.

Non-resident Applications Pharmacy Not Approved

Aurora Specialty Pharmacy – Menomonee Falls, WI

Get Relief RX LLC – Billings, MT

Horizon Pharmacy LLC – Warwick, RI

IVI Pharmacy Inc dba Femme Fatale RX – Calabasas, CA

Medmetrics Pharmacy LLC – Chandler, AZ

Metro Drugs 3rd Avenue Corporation – New York, NY

Romat Ventures Inc dba Alchemist Pharma – Thonotosassa, FL

Strive Pharmacy LLC – Gilbert, AZ

Tabula Rasa Healthcare Group Inc dba Carekinesis – Moorestown, NJ

Trulife – Green Cove Springs, FL

Vidrine Pharmaceutical Group dba Boudreaux's New Drug Store – Lake Charles

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Sterile Compounding Services

Roman Health Pharmacy LLC – Buffalo Grove, IL

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner DeFazio seconded passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the request to add Sterile compounding services to the license.

MISC Request

Cindy Li

Amendment Approved appeared on May 22, 2024 for First Time Manager's Training.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

September 25, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Linder Abstained the motion passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeFazio adjourned the meeting.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner DeFazio seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator