

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
September 25, 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

Not in Attendance: Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

CVS/Pharmacy#11611
960 North Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606
Mansi V Patel, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth 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 5-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Remodel (s) Cont.

CVS Pharmacy #775
2045 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514
Genevieve Robinson, District Leader

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm to approve the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 5-0 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: 2022-1638 **Walgreens #01451; PCY.0001950**

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 remained open at least thirty-five hours per week, failed to report each unscheduled pharmacy closure, closed more than one calendar day for any such 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 \$2,500. Respondent shall also comply with all laws related to closures, pharmacy manager, and related notifications.

Commission Action: 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 5-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Legal Cont.

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 5-0 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 5-0 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.

Dilara Baunach
Giana Hovsepan
John Wozniak

Amity Pharmacy – Woodbridge
CVS Pharmacy – New Britain
Walgreens Pharmacy – East Haven

Request of National Healthcareer Association's ExCPT Exam

Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control Division
Lisa Meijer, Drug Control Agent
Leigh Schenk and Lesa Pastor, Program Representatives

National Healthcareer Association's "ExCPT" examination equivalent to the PTCB exam.

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and approve the National Healthcareer Association's "ExCPT" examination.

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.

Daniel Denisenko
Hussein Karam
Jessica H Lewis
Blake R Mangum
Rhiannon D Marselli
David C Ray
Rebecca Shearon
Erin C Smith
Que-Lynn Tran
Pralok Trivedi

Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Reciprocity from New York
Reciprocity from Mississippi
Reciprocity from Maryland
Reciprocity from Tennessee
Reciprocity from Virginia
Reciprocity from Missouri
Reciprocity from Mississippi
Reciprocity from New York

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s) Cont.

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Non-Resident New Application Request (s) Pharmacy Approval

Chewy Pharmacy MCO4 LLC – Ocala, FL
LifeMD Pharmacy Services LLC – Lancaster, PA
MY CHS RX Inc – Bethpage, NY
PerfectRX Plano LLC – Plano, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner Carbray seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above new non-resident pharmacy applications for licensure.

Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation

Mountain Care Pharmacy LLC – Boise, ID
Musley Compounding Pharmacy East LLC – Swannee, GA
Spring Creek Pharmacy – Plano, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Taylor seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the above non-resident pharmacy applications submitted with additional information for licensure.

Non-resident Applications Pharmacy Not Approved

Jase Pharmacies LLC – West Jordan, UT
Link Pharmacy Corp – Dallas, TX
Main Street Pharmacy & Wellness Center – Orrville, OH
Medoz Pharmacy of Polk LLC – Davenport, FL
Rego Specialty Inc – Rego Park, NY
Trulife dba Trulife Pharmacy – Green Cove Springs, FL

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

NABP MPJE UPDATE

Agent Rachel Brown and Commissioners Mary Inguanti and Kristin Linder completed the August – September 2024 MPJE State Specific Review and Pretest Item Selection assignment.

This annual review consists of two main tasks to complete:

1. Select newly written items to add to the CT jurisdiction's pool
2. Review the CT jurisdiction's current pool which consists of previously selected pretest, scored, and pre-exam items

The review and selection assignment was completed and submitted on the due date of September 13, 2024.

A total of 3,528 questions were reviewed.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

August 28, 2024

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Chisolm 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 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator