

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
January 31, 2025

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)

Pharmcare USA of Connecticut LLC
770 Saybrook Road, Suite 1
Middletown, CT 06457
Barry Leskowitz, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 6-0, 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 Relocation (s)

Greenview Pharmacy LLC

From:

13 N Water Street
Greenwich, CT 06830

Scott Wong, Pharmacy Manager

Greenview Pharmacy LLC

To:

244 Mill Street
Greenwich, CT 06830

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm to approve the above relocation 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.

Pharmacy Remodels (s)

Berneys Pharmacy
615 Howard Avenue
New Haven, CT 06519
Scott Wong, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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.

CPH Hartford LLC dba Vital Care of Hartford
255 Pitkin Street, Suite 2
East Hartford, CT 06108
Sara Harrington-Doyon, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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.

Costo Wholesale Corporation
1220 Tamarack Avenue
South Windsor, CT 06074
Michael Vardhami, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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.

Shoprite Pharmacy of Derby dba Grade A Market
49 Pershing Drive
Derby, CT 06418
Dominick M Cingari, District Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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.

Pharmacy Remodels (s) Cont.

CVS Pharmacy #2099

479 Blue Hills Avenue

Hartford, CT 06112

Richard Zaccone, District Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio called attendance for a representative(s) to present remodel request. In receiving no response the remodel request will have to be resubmitted.

Legal

Case Number: 2023-1725 **Walgreens Pharmacy #19560; PCY.0001703**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following consumer complaint of unscheduled pharmacy closings. It is alleged that the pharmacy closed for more than two unscheduled closings in a thirty-day period and failed to report such closings to the Commission of Pharmacy not later than seventy-two hours after the closings.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,500, which has been paid.

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: 2023-1512 **CVS Pharmacy #2389; PCY.0002126**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following notification of a pharmacy manager change. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to immediately notify the Commission of Pharmacy the name, address and license number of the pharmacist who assumed management of said pharmacy.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1,000, which has been paid.

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

Legal Cont.

Case Number: 2023-1048 **CVS Pharmacy #2097; PCY.0001774**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following notification from former manager of a pharmacy manager change. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to immediately notify the Commission of Pharmacy that the pharmacist who manages the pharmacy ceased such management and failed to immediately to immediately enroll with the Commission of Pharmacy the name, address and license number of the pharmacist who assumed management of said pharmacy. Failed to report the pharmacy manager absence from the pharmacy for more than sixteen consecutive days and failed to provide the Commission of Pharmacy with the name of the pharmacist designated to be the acting pharmacist manager

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$3,000, which has been paid.

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

Case Number: 2024-526 **CVS Pharmacy #1987; PCY.0002379**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following notification of the alleged diversion of controlled substances. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to immediately file with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a signed statement of the facts, a list of the controlled substances stolen, and documentary evidence that the local authorities were notified, and failed to report the theft of a controlled substance within 72 hours of discovery.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$2,000, which has been paid.

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

Request for Pharmacy Internship (s)

Malaika K Khan appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission granted Malaika Khan permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Adullah Ragheb appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission granted Adullah Ragheb permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

'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.

Alycia Baronich	Walgreens Pharmacy – Middletown
Caitlyn Efendioglu	Seybridge Pharmacy – Seymour
Angela Fortune	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Bristol
Korin Harding	Hancock Pharmacy – Canaan
Linda Hsu	Walgreens Pharmacy – Riverside
Barry Leskowitz	Pharmcare USA Connecticut LLC – Middletown
Mohammad Mansour	Walgreens Pharmacy – Clinton
Jinna Min	Big Y Pharmacy – Naugatuck
Rin Moun	Walgreens Pharmacy – Middletown
Milan J Patel	CVS Pharmacy – Torrington
Brittany Soto	Grade A Shoprite Pharmacy – Stamford
Kim Stafford	Walgreens Pharmacy – Jewett City
Jenn Zheng	CVS Pharmacy – Litchfield

Not in Attendance – Commission Role Call

Laura Kosiorok	Walgreens Pharmacy – East Lyme
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Request for Electronic Data Intermediaries

Photon Health, Emily Haugh, Program Presenter

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above company as an electronic data intermediary.

Request Nuclear Pharmacy Training Program

NPHS Nuclear Pharmacy Technician Review

Program Presenter(s): Anthony Colangelo, Cardinal Health Representative
Dan Carpenter, DCP Drug Control Division

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the NPHS Nuclear Pharmacy Technician Training Program.

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.

Richard J Aprile	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Anders P Barr	Reciprocity from Georgia
Lane M Cheramie	Reciprocity from Louisiana
Hailey C Estes	Reciprocity from Indiana
Glen Gauthier	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Brendan A Golden	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Korin L Harding	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Carleen M Huynh	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Elaina Karageorgis	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Myles Kennedy	Reciprocity from Massachusetts
Barry Leskowitz	Reciprocity from New Jersey
Sarah McLarty	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Miranda Rexroat	Reciprocity from Indiana
Kelly R Ulen	Reciprocity from New York
Edward Walthall	Reciprocity from Idaho
Angelena Zadrima	Reciprocity from New York

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray 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

Curant Health Georgia LLC – Smyrna, GA
Ela Pharmacy LLC – Elk Grove Village, IL
Montefiore Medical Center – Yonkers, NY
dba Montefiore Specialty Pharmacy @ Moses
Regents of the University of Michigan – Dexter, MI
UK Specialty Pharmacy – Lexington, KY

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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

Adlakha Investments Inc dba Grand Ave Pharmacy – Pflugerville, TX
Heartland Infusion – Knoxville, TN
Medoz Pharmacy of Polk LLC – Davenport, FL
MVP Pharmacy LLC dba Mountain View Pharmacy – Bountiful, UT
Rego Specialty Inc – Rego Park, NY
Strive Pharmacy LLC – Gilbert, AZ (Approved)
Zikam Neighborhood Pharmacy LLC – San Antonio, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Chisolm moved Commissioner Linder 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

Ameripharma Medbox – Laguna Hills, CA
Cody Drug – Sulphur Springs, TX
Optimal Balance Pharmacy LLC – Houston, TX
Rare Specialty Pharmacy – Rahway, NJ
Restorative Compounding Pharmacy and Wellness LLC – Waterford, MI
Smithville Pharmacy – Smithville, TX
Southeast Quality Pharmacy LLC dba Anazahealth – Tampa, FL
Texas Best Compounding – Venus TX
The Pharmacy Place – Peachtree
Premium Health Care LLC – Miami, FL
Volunteer Pharmacy – Knoxville, TN

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

AP Max Incorporated dba Southend Pharmacy – Houston, TX

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

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

November 20, 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 6-0 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