

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
April 30, 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

MPJE Law Exam Request(s)

Kamilla Maksymowicz requested a final attempt to take the MPJE Law Exam

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

Request for Pharmacy Internship(s)

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

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Bridge Care Health Pharmacy dba Bridge Care Health Pharmacy LLC
64 Huntington Turnpike
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Larique Wallace, 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.

New Pharmacy Application (s) Cont.

Genoa Healthcare LLC
28 Branford Road, Suite P
North Branford, CT 06471
Brandon Murphy, 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.

Middlesex Hospital Specialty Pharmacy
536 Saybrook Road, Lower Level
Middletown, CT 06457
Jason Zybert, 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.

Washington Pharmacy INC dba Washinton Pharmacy
117 Washington Avenue, Suite 14
Northern Haven, CT 06473
Deanna Akinbajo, 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) Request

Beacon Prescriptions #3
dba Danico Prescriptions Inc
From:
25 Collins Road
Bristol, CT 06010
Cory Mascalo, Pharmacy Manager

Beacon Prescriptions #3
dba Danico Prescriptions Inc
To:
923 Farmington Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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 Relocation (s) Request Cont.

Medical Arts Pharmacy
From:
15 Corporate Drive, Suite 1-1
Trumbull, CT 06611

Krishna Jakka, Pharmacy Manager

Medical Arts Pharmacy
To:
461 Monroe Turnpike
Monroe, CT 06468

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)

Nutmeg/LTC Pharmacy
345 Broad Street
New London, CT 06320
Ryan Vecchitto, Pharmacy Manager

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.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-5294
1365 Boston Post Road
Milford, CT 06450
Jennifer Nemec, District Representative

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.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-2900
80 Town Line Road
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Jennifer Nemec, District Representative

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.

Pharmacy Remodels (s) Cont.

Stamford Health Pharmacy LLC
1 Hospital Plaza, Suite G122
Stamford, CT 06902
Sokhak So, District Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio in review of request by applicant the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy cannot be met and the application has been withdrawn.

Legal

Case Number 2024-588 **CVS Pharmacy No. 1027; PCY.0001318**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a complaint from a healthcare provider on behalf of a patient. The initial complaint concerned an erroneous dispensation of a second medication intended for another patient. Following investigation, it is alleged that the pharmacy failed to protect patient confidentiality, failed to complete quality assurance timely, failed to report the prescription error timely, and failed to provide information concerning the quality assurance review.

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. Additionally, Respondent shall comply with all laws related to Commission of Pharmacy notifications.

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

Case Number: 2023-1902 **Walgreens No.11919; PCY.0002148**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following several reports of unscheduled closures. It is alleged that the pharmacy closed for more than two unscheduled closings in a thirty day period, and closed for more than one calendar day for any such closing.

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. Additionally, Respondent shall comply with all laws related to closures and related notifications.

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.

Legal Cont.

Case Number: 2024-648 **Walgreens No. 09818; PCY.0002101**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a notice of Pharmacy Manager departure. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to provide the Commission with information concerning a new manager; failed to immediately enroll a new pharmacy manager; failed to have a pharmacy managed by a pharmacy manager; and failed to enroll with the Commission the name, address, and license number of the new pharmacy manager.

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, and shall comply with all laws related to pharmacy managers and notifications to the Commission.

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

Case Number: 2023-610 and 2023-1900 **Walgreens No. 07602; PCT.0001874**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy with two cases for combined resolution. The first case was investigated following a routine compliance inspection. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to comply with pharmacy signage requirements, display of licensing, training documentation, maintenance of a clean and orderly pharmacy, prescription requirements, and record-keeping requirements. The second case was investigated based on reports of unscheduled closures. It is alleged the pharmacy failed to comply with unscheduled closing requirements and to report all unscheduled closures. The two investigations overlapped in time.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$15,000, which has been paid, shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand, and shall comply with all laws related to closures, pharmacy manager, and related notification procedures.

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

Connor Combs	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Watertown
Quynh Do	CVS Pharmacy – Orange
Heesun Kim	Costco Pharmacy – Enfield
Akhil Mathew	Walgreens Pharmacy – Hartford
Steven To	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – North Haven
Casey Ventimiglia	Walgreens Pharmacy – Bridgeport
Larique Wallace	Bridge Care Health Pharmacy – Bridgeport
Qingyue Zhong	CVS Pharmacy – Fairfield
Jason Zybert	Middlesex Hospital Specialty Pharmacy – Middletown

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.

Elisabeth C Anderson	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Kirk A Debuck	Reciprocity from Illinois
Gazelle Dumagan	Reciprocity from Illinois
Caroline Farag	Reciprocity from California
Mahmoud Hanaif	Reciprocity from New York
James J Harnois	Reciprocity from Illinois
Abbey Hunter	Reciprocity from Tennessee
Vaibhav Kadakia	Reciprocity from Illinois
Jonathan Kusnierz	Reciprocity from Illinois
Katarzyna E Malkowicz	Reciprocity from Illinois
Aalap D Modi	Reciprocity from Illinois
Alana N Rice	Reciprocity from Texas
Evan C Rovinski	Reciprocity from Rhode Island
Cesar R Sison, Jr	Reciprocity from Illinois
Thao X Tran	Reciprocity from California

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s) Cont.

Elisa R Valenti	Reciprocity from New York
Sparky L Vilsaint	Reciprocity from Florida
Lisa Yee	Reciprocity from Illinois
Robin Zhou	Reciprocity from Illinois

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti 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

ASM Pharmacy LLC dba ASM Home Delivery – Indianapolis, IN
Central Street Pharmacy LLC dba Masspack LTC Pharmacy – North Billerica, MA
Easy RX Pad LLC dba Procure Pharmaceutical Services – Burgettstown, PA
OPRX 11514 LLC dba Onpoint Pharmacy at Mount Sinai – Carle Place, NY
TelyRX – Irving, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved seconded by Commissioner Linder 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

Adegen Pharmacy LLC – Grove City, OH
Buy-rite Drugs INC dba BRD – Hartselle, AL
Influcare LTD – Tyler, TX
Medmetrics Pharmacy LLC – Chandler, AZ
NewYork-Presbyterian Pharmacy – New York, NY
NewYork-Presbyterian Pharmacy – Brooklyn, NY
Premium Health Care LLC – Miami, FL
Tidewater Pharmacy and Medical Supply LLC
dba Tidewater Pharmacy & Compounding – Mt. Pleasant, SC
Volunteer Pharmacy – Knoxville, TN
Walmart Central Fill #7638 dba Walmart Central Fill #10-7638 – Frederick, MD
Northwest Compounders LLC – Beaverton, OR
Pharmacy4Humanity dba AHF Pharmacy – Gardena, CA

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray 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 Pharmacy Not Approved

AMRX LLC – Denton, TX
Arena Pharmacy LLC dba Hillstone Pharmacy – Knoxville, TN
Life Science Pharmacy INC – Harriman, NY
Melbourne Pharma INC – Melbourne, FL
Polaris Pharmacy Services of Maryland LLC – Windsor Mill, MD
Shan-Pham Diversified Holdings INC dba Medhope Pharmacy – Sugarland, TX
Texas Best Compounding dba Texas Best Compounding LLC – Venus, TX
Whole Family Health Center – Vero Beach, FL

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

Farmakeio Pharmacy – Richardson, TX

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Linder passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the above non-resident pharmacy request for sterile compounding.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

March 26, 2025

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Chisolm abstained, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, 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 Carbray 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