

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY  
May 28, 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)**

Kabafusion CT LLC  
2 Barnes Industrial Park Road South, Suite A  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
Stephen Long, 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.

Connecticut CVS Pharmacy LLC dba CVS/pharmacy #17918  
900 Boston Post Road  
Guilford, CT 06437  
Ashley Guedes, 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**

New Haven Pharmacy Inc

From:

374 Grand Avenue

New Haven, CT 06513

Akil Shaikh, Pharmacy Manager

New Haven Pharmacy Inc

To:

374 Grand Avenue, Suite B

New Haven, CT 06513

**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)**

Costco #324 Pharmacy

779 Connecticut Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06320

Jeff Mrowczynski, 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.

Shoprite Pharmacy of Southbury

775 Main Street, S

Southbury, CT 06488

Dominick Cingari, 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 2023-1650* **CVS Pharmacy No. 2210; PCY.0001627**

Attorney Brett Aiello presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a notification of a change of pharmacy manager. Department records indicated the manager listed on the notification was concurrently acting as manager of another location. It is alleged that the pharmacy did not contain a posting containing the manager's name, failed to have a pharmacy manager for approximately 44 days, and failed to immediately notify the Commission of Pharmacy when a manager discontinued management of the pharmacy.

## **Legal Cont.**

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$1000, 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: 2023-1931* **Walgreens No.11919; PCY.0002148**

Attorney Brett Aiello presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following routine compliance inspection. It is alleged this pharmacy failed to maintain signed pharmacy technician training records and require pharmacy technicians to wear name tags, failed to maintain a written vaccine administration protocol, failed to adequately maintain a logbook of controlled substance dispensations and adequate perpetual inventory, ensure all drugs were adequately labeled, and maintain the entire premises in an orderly fashion.

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$4,000 which has been paid.

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

**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.

*Case Number: 2024-933* **Walgreens No. 17298; PCY.0000066**

Attorney Brett Aiello presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine compliance inspection. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to keep the lock of a safe used for storage of controlled substances in good working order, and as a result failed to store all controlled substances in such a manner as to prevent theft or diversion.

### **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 Carbray 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: 2024-2210* **Walgreens No. 10310; PCT.0002120**

Attorney Brett Aiello presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following contact concerning an unrelated notification. When agents attempted to speak with the pharmacy manager, it was determined that the pharmacy manager was on a leave of absence and it is alleged that notice of absence was not provided to the Commission of Pharmacy. It is further alleged that the pharmacy failed to be managed for a period of time, failed to immediately enroll the name of the new acting pharmacist manager, closed for more than one calendar day, and closed more than twice in a thirty day period. Closure notifications were provided to the Commission of Pharmacy.

### **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 closures, pharmacy management, 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.

*Case Number: 2023-1872* **CVS Pharmacy #2388; PCT.0001708**

Attorney Brett Aiello presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a routine compliance inspection. It is alleged that the pharmacy failed to maintain premises in a clean and orderly condition, failed to conspicuously post the pharmacy license and pharmacy manager name, had adulterated and misbranded drug stock, failed to report all unscheduled closings, exceeded the technician ratio, failed to maintain technician training logs, and failed to maintain a safe for storage of schedule II controlled substances securely locked except for the actual time required to remove or replace needed items.

### **Proposed Resolution:**

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$7,500 which has been paid.

Respondent shall comply with all laws related to closures, pharmacy manager, and related notifications. Respondent shall be issued a Letter of Reprimand.

**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.

## **Legal Cont.**

Case Number: 2023-2206

Attorney Brett Aiello

**Commission Action:** Commissioner DeFazio tabled the matter to next months meeting.

## **'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.

Muhammad Dagher  
Susan Davis  
Rigon Gilani  
Taylor Jean-Guillaume

Metro Pharmacy – New Haven  
Rockville Pharmacy – Rockville  
Walgreens Pharmacy – New Britain  
Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Pharmacy –  
New Haven  
CVS Pharmacy – Stamford  
Walgreens Pharmacy – Norwich

## **Not in Attendance**

Colin Douglas  
Beatrice Menjor

Walgreens Pharmacy – Manchester  
CVS Pharmacy – Hartford

## **Request(s) for Electronic Data Intermediary**

DrFirst Inc

Representatives: Christopher Dang, Nick Barger, Meriellen Cain

**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.

### **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.

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| Andrew Curtis      | Reciprocity from South Carolina |
| Marcus C Fields    | Reciprocity from Indiana        |
| Hannah A Filuta    | Reciprocity from New York       |
| Sidra Khan         | Reciprocity from Vermont        |
| Bikgwen S Ko       | Reciprocity from Illinois       |
| Alision Kokos      | Reciprocity from Florida        |
| Danielle M Maglich | Reciprocity from Massachusetts  |
| William Meditz     | Reciprocity from New York       |
| Michael Petrilli   | Reciprocity from Illinois       |
| Ayesha R Sahmsi    | Reciprocity from Massachusetts  |

**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**

Duffy RX LLC dba Statmeds – Hicksville, NY  
Lumicera Health Services LLC – Irvine, CA  
SWYFT Scripts - DFW – Hurst, TX  
VIBRIX Pharmacy LLC – Lindon, UT  
Walgreen Eastern CO., INC. dba Walgreens Central Fill #21400 – Deerfield, IL

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

Wedgewood Pharmacy LLC – Chandler, AZ  
Not Reviewed on this Agenda

### **Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation**

Ameripharma Medbox – Laguna Hills, CA  
Arena Pharmacy LLC dba Hillstone Pharmacy – Knoxville, TN  
DRG Pharmacy LLC dba Hueneme Family Pharmacy – Oxnard, CA  
HRX Pharmacy LLC dba HRX Pharmacy – Holladay, UT  
Innovarx Inc – Morganville, NJ  
Polaris Pharmacy Services of Maryland LLC – Windsor Mill, MD  
Pure Pharmacy Fishers LLC dba Pure Pharmacy – Fishers, IN

### **Non-Resident Applications – Approved with Additional Documentation Cont.**

Shady Grove Pharmacy LLC – Rockville, MD  
Shan-Pham Diversified Holdings INC dba Medhope Pharmacy – Sugarland, TX  
Southeast Quality Pharmacy, LLC dba Anazahealth – Tampa, FL  
Sweetgrass Pharmacy Carolina Park – Mount Pleasant, SC  
Whole Family Health Center – Vero Beach, FL

**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**

Hephaestus Pharmaceuticals LLC – Doral, FL  
Medications & Essentials Delivered Swiftly INC – New York, NY  
MRH Outpatient Pharmacy LLC – Aberdeen, MS  
Specialty Care RX LLX – Memphis, TN  
VICI Health Sciences LLC – Elkridge, MD

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

### **MISC**

Nathan Tinker, Connecticut Pharmacists Association  
Notice of an upcoming event date and gave some history on how the Connecticut Pharmacists Association was founded. The date is on September 17, 2025, and details of the event are on [cpa150.org](http://cpa150.org)

### **Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)**

March 28, 2025

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