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Reminder Regarding Pharmacist CE Requirements

Pharmacists are reminded that in addition to 15 hours of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited drug therapy courses, they must now complete two hours of continuing education (CE) in **pharmacy law** and two hours of CE in **patient or medication safety** every two years (reference Rule 657, Iowa Administrative Code 2.12).

A total of 30 hours of CE every two years remains the minimum requirement for pharmacist license renewal.

To locate CE courses, pharmacists may check the P.L.A.N. Web site at <https://www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmacists/programs.asp>. Pharmacists should click on "Search P.L.A.N.® Now" to open the search page. They can then select their search options and click "Search."

The CE in pharmacy law must be ACPE accredited. The CE inpatient/medication safety may be either ACPE accredited or non-ACPE accredited. Non-ACPE accredited provider activities must be provided by an accredited health professional continuing education provider, such as a continuing medical education provider, and the activity content must directly relate to the pharmacist's professional practice.

- ◆ ACPE course identifiers in pharmacy law for pharmacists end with "L03-P."
- ◆ ACPE course identifiers in patient/medication safety for pharmacists end with "L05-P."

New Patient Safety Task Force

In collaboration with the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA), the Iowa Board of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the formation of a new Patient Safety Task Force. The task force will be charged with creating a dialogue around the issue of patient safety and pharmacy work environments. The issue of patient safety is a key priority for both the Board and IPA. It crosses all pharmacy practice settings, including acute care, long-term care, community, and hospital. Issues will be addressed by stakeholders from all settings at both the practice level and the management level. The task force will meet as two subgroups throughout 2012 and will formulate recommendations to be presented in early 2013. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled for June 5, 2012.

Board Member Retires



Pharmacist member **Mark M. Anliker, RPh**, of Emmetsburg, IA, retired from the Board on April 30, 2012. He served one three-year term, beginning on May 1, 2009. While on the Board, Mark also served on the Board's Rules Committee.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Mark for his many contributions and his dedicated public service.

Board Member Reappointed

Congratulations to pharmacist member **Susan M. Frey, RPh**, of Villisca, IA, who was reappointed by Governor Terry Branstad to her third three-year term on the Board effective May 2, 2012. Sue is employed by Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Red Oak, IA, and also serves as a consultant pharmacist for several long-term care facilities.

New Board Member Appointed



Congratulations to pharmacist **Edward J. McKenna, RPh**, of Storm Lake, IA, who was appointed to a three-year term on the Iowa Board of Pharmacy by Governor Branstad effective May 1, 2012. Ed is a 1969 graduate of Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. After owning and operating Lake Apothecary in Storm Lake for many years, Ed became a pharmacy manager for Hy-Vee in Storm Lake. He currently serves as president of

the Storm Lake Board of Education. Ed replaces Mark Anliker on the Iowa Board of Pharmacy. The Board welcomes Ed and looks forward to working with him.

Election of Board Officers

The Board has reelected **Susan Frey** as Board chairperson for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2012. **DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson, PharmD, RPh**, was elected as vice chairperson for the same term.

New Board Compliance Officer



Sue Mears, RPh, of Urbandale, IA, began employment with the Board as a compliance officer on February 3, 2012. Sue is a graduate of Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Before joining the Board's staff, she worked as a pharmacist for 16 years in various practice settings including community pharmacy, mail order, and long-term care. Sue currently serves the Central Iowa area. She receives e-mail at Sue.Mears@iowa.gov.

Board Clarification on Manufacturer's Coupons for Controlled Substances

At their meeting on April 27, 2012, the Board reviewed the rule regarding advertising prescription drug information by a pharmacy (reference Rule 657, Iowa Administrative Code 8.12). Because this rule specifically prohibits any reference to controlled substances in pharmacy advertising, the Board had interpreted this rule to prohibit the use of discount coupons toward the purchase of pseudoephedrine-containing products in Iowa.

Following review and discussion of the rule, the Board has amended its previous interpretation of this rule as it relates to original manufacturer's discount coupons for the purchase of controlled substances in Iowa. The Board has determined that, since the rule relates to pharmacy practices, the rule does not prohibit a manufacturer from offering or providing discount coupons for the manufacturer's controlled substances products.

Therefore, a pharmacy may honor a manufacturer's original discount coupon presented by a patient for the purchase of a controlled substance including a pseudoephedrine-containing product. A coupon that is obtained online is acceptable.

Pharmacists are reminded that when selling pseudoephedrine-containing products, the quantity and time restrictions imposed by federal and state laws and regulations must still be complied with.

Board Calendar for 2012

The Board will hold regular Board meetings on the following dates (all meetings will be held at the Board office in Des Moines, IA):

- ◆ June 26-28
- ◆ August 28-29
- ◆ November 7-8

Meeting agendas will be posted on the Board's Web site. Dates are subject to change. Please contact the Board office at 515/281-5944 to confirm meeting dates.

Board Web Site

Please visit the Board's Web site at www.state.ia.us/ibpe/.

Board Mission

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy promotes, preserves, and protects the public health, safety, and welfare through the effective regulation of the practice of pharmacy and the licensing of pharmacies, pharmacists, and others engaged in the sale, delivery, or distribution of prescription drugs and devices. Iowa Code §155A.2(1).

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