



**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY  
REPORT TO THE TEXAS PHARMACY CONGRESS  
February 21, 2018**

**I. CURRENT ISSUES**

**A. Task Force on Operation of Rural Hospital Pharmacies** – The task force is charged with reviewing the current regulations and possibly developing recommendations for changes to the regulations relating to the Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 562, Subchapter C., Section 562.1011, Operation of Class C Pharmacy in Certain Rural Hospitals.

**B. Texas Prescription Monitoring Program** Statistics for FY2018 (September – November)

|                         | 1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | Year-to-Date |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Registered Users        | 4,122                   |                         |                         |                         | 4,122        |
| Searches                | 1,235,921               |                         |                         |                         | 1,235,921    |
| Prescriptions Dispensed | 9,300,482               |                         |                         |                         | 9,300,482    |

**II. ADOPTED RULES (February 6, 2018 Meeting – Effective date March 8, 2018)**

**A. Amendments to §283.3 Concerning Educational and Age Requirements** – The amendments clarify the requirements for pharmacist licensure by removing a reference to good moral character.

**B. Amendments to §295.2 Concerning Change of Employment** – The amendments add a definition of the term employment.

**C. Amendments to §291.153 Concerning Central Prescription Drug or Medication Order Processing Pharmacy (Class G)** – The amendments remove a reference to drug therapy management as a pharmacist duty in a Class G pharmacy setting and correct grammatical errors.

**D. Amendments to §295.8 Concerning Continuing Education Requirements** – The amendments add a requirement of one hour of continuing education on opioid abuse for pharmacist license renewal.

**E. Amendments to §297.3 Concerning Registration Requirements** – The amendments create a schedule for the renewal of an expired pharmacy technician registration to be consistent with §568.004 of the Texas Pharmacy Act.

**II. PROPOSED RULES (February 6, 2018 – The rules will be considered by the Board for final adoption at the May 1, 2018, meeting)**

**A. Amendments to §291.9 Concerning Prescription Pick Up Locations** – The amendments, if adopted, clarify the requirements for prescription pickup locations to be consistent with DEA requirements.

**B. Amendments to §291.33 Concerning Operation Standards** – The amendments, if adopted, update the requirements for the use of automated checking devices and automated storage and distribution devices by Class A pharmacies.

**C. Amendments to §291.75 Concerning Records** – The amendments, if adopted, update the requirements for maintaining a log of pharmacy personnel initials or identification codes.

**D. Amendments to §291.76 Concerning Class C Pharmacies Located in A Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Center** – The amendments, if adopted, update the requirements for maintaining a log pharmacy personnel initials or identification codes.

**E. Amendments to §291.121 Concerning Remote Pharmacy Services** – The amendments, if adopted, clarify the requirements for delivery of drugs at a remote site through a telepharmacy system.

**F. Amendments to §291.125 Concerning Centralized Prescription Dispensing** – The amendments, if adopted, clarify the definition of an outsourcing pharmacy and update the requirements for centralized prescription dispensing.

**G. Amendments to §291.151 Concerning Pharmacies Located in a Freestanding Emergency Medical Care Facility** – The amendments, if adopted, clarify the duties of the pharmacist-in-charge to include ensuring a pharmacist visits the pharmacy at least once each calendar week; clarify the requirements regarding the withdrawal of drugs from the freestanding emergency medical care facility; and correct a rule reference.