

Board of Pharmacy

❧ *Mission and philosophy*

The Board of Pharmacy is that state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting the health and welfare of residents of Wyoming with regard to pharmaceutical services. By statute, the board regulates the practice of pharmacy in the state. This includes licensing of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nonresident pharmacies, and licensing/inspection of resident pharmacies. By the same statute, the board licenses manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers who ship into Wyoming, and license/inspect resident manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and oxygen manufacturers/distributors. The foregoing responsibilities are provided for in the Wyoming Pharmacy Act (W.S. 33-24-101 to 33-23-301)

The board is designated by statute as the agency responsible for the registration of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances within the state. This includes the registration of all practitioners with statutory authority, pharmacies (retail and hospital), resident manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers, and nonresident manufacturers and distributors/wholesalers who ship into the state. In addition to registration, the board conducts inspections of these sites relative to their handling of controlled substances. The foregoing responsibilities are provided for in the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act (W.S. 35-7-1001 to 35-7-1101)

❧ *Results of outcomes*

The following statistics relate to licensing/investigative actions taken by the board during this reporting period.

■ Pharmacist renewals	1,025
■ Pharmacy technician renewals	171
■ Pharmacist law exams administered	69
■ Pharmacy technician exams administered	32
■ Pharmacy license renewals	141
■ Nonresident pharmacy license renewals	144
■ Controlled substance registrant renewals	1,915
■ Oxygen manufacturer/distributor renewals	60
■ Manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers	386
■ Retail pharmacy inspections	135
■ Distributor/wholesaler inspections	4
■ Oxygen manufacturer/distributor inspections	11
■ Hospital inspections	9
■ Other site inspections (clinics, state)	11
■ Pharmacy/pharmacist investigations completed	11
■ Investigations completed for other boards	14
■ Investigations coordinated with police/sheriff	9
■ Administrative hearings conducted	1

The board responds to drug diversions identified by pharmacists in the state by participation in the "Pharm Alert" program offered by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The Pharm Alert program utilizes fax transmission to all pharmacies in the state. This type of information distribution is used

General information

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Year established

1886

Statutory references

W.S. 33-24-101 to 33-24-301, W.S. 35-7-1001
to 35-7-1101

Number of authorized personnel

Full-time 3

Organization structure

Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy

Clients served

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians-in-training, pharmacies, controlled substance registrants, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, oxygen manufacturers and distributors

Budget information

Administration (001)	\$83,874
Licensing Board (060)	135,882
Total	\$219,756

Agency to which group reports

Department of Commerce

Number of members

Three board members, RPh
Three ex-officio board members,
MD,DDS,DVM

Meeting frequency

Three meetings per year minimum

for sharing information on individuals with drug seeking behavior and/or fraudulent prescriptions. This past year 55 Pharm Alerts were initiated by this office.

Legislation affecting the Board of Pharmacy was introduced during the legislative budget session but was not passed. Rules and regulation changes were not proposed during this reporting period.

• Strategic plan changes

Changes include procurement and installation of a local area network in the board's office. This includes procurement of hardware and software.

The board plans to design/implement a computerized database for all registrants. The current method of database management is a manual system.

Legislative proposals which were defeated this year will be reintroduced.

The board will evaluate workload and consider the hiring of a second inspector. Funds have been appropriated for BFY 1999-2000.