

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 prescription drugs into, out of, or within the state, and the board inspects 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 to administer or prescribe controlled substances, 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)

The board investigates consumer complaints (as well as board identified concerns) regarding possible violations of the Wyoming Pharmacy Act, Wyoming Controlled Substance Act and related rules and regulations. The board administers disciplinary action as warranted.

The board promulgates rules and regulations further defining those areas defined by statute, which the board of Pharmacy has responsibilities for.

Results of outcomes

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

Pharmacists licensed	997
Pharmacists newly licensed	43
Pharmacy technicians licensed	299
Pharmacy technicians newly licensed	53
Multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence exams certified	41
Resident pharmacies licensed	134
Resident pharmacies newly licensed	9
Nonresident pharmacies licensed	276
Nonresident pharmacies newly licensed	59

General information

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Other locations

None

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

Five full-time employees

Organization structure

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Clients served

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technician-in-training, pharmacies (retail and institutional), controlled substance registrants, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, oxygen manufacturers and distributors, nursing homes

Budget information

Licensing Board (060) \$ 339,251

Agency to which group reports

Department of Administration and Information

Number of members

Board Members (3) - RPh
Ex-Officio Board Members (3) - MD, DDS, DVM

Meeting frequency

A minimum of three meetings per year

Controlled substance registrations, practitioners	2170
Manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers (prescription drugs and oxygen)	559
Controlled substance manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers	206
Retail/institutional pharmacy inspections	146
Distributor/wholesaler inspections	1
Investigations conducted	42
Administrative sanctions	5

The board responds to drug diversions identified by practitioners in the state by participation in the "Pharmacy Alert" program offered by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The Pharmacy Alert program utilizes fax transmission to all pharmacies in the state. This type of information distribution is used for sharing information on forged prescriptions.

The board adopted new/amended rules in October 2002 (02-3) and January 2003 (03-1). The new/amended rules may be viewed on the board's web page <http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>

Strategic plan changes

The board will continue reviewing board rules and regulations and anticipates at least one rule-making notice during the next twelve months. The board will seek federal funds to implement a prescription drug monitoring program as authorized during the 2003 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature.