

# 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 of Wyoming, 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 operates a controlled substance prescription drug monitoring program. All resident and non-resident pharmacies submit on a monthly basis prescription records for any schedule II-IV controlled substance dispensed to a Wyoming resident. This data is utilized by practitioners and pharmacists to better manage their patients' drug therapy regimen. In addition, the board notifies practitioners and pharmacists of individuals who utilize multiple practitioners and pharmacies in a given month, which exceed a threshold, set by the board. This information is useful in managing patients' drug therapy regimens. Finally, this information will be utilized by the board with other licensing boards and law enforcement in dealing with violations of the Wyoming Controlled Substance Act.

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.

### 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

Five full-time employees  
One part-time employee

### Organizational 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)..... \$ 515,920

### 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

Three meetings per year (minimum)

## Major accomplishments and efficiencies

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

Pharmacists licensed.....	1040
Pharmacists newly licensed .....	46
Pharmacy technicians licensed .....	383
Pharmacy technicians newly licensed .....	67
Multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence exams certified ....	44
Resident pharmacies licensed .....	137
Resident pharmacies newly licensed .....	5
Nonresident pharmacies licensed .....	329
Nonresident pharmacies newly licensed .....	12
Controlled substance registrations, practitioners .....	2405
Manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers (prescription drugs and oxygen) .....	619
Controlled substance manufacturers, distributors/wholesalers.....	210
Retail/institutional pharmacy inspections.....	140
Distributor/wholesaler inspections .....	1
Investigations conducted.....	28
Administrative sanctions .....	4

The following statistics relate to data collected by the prescription drug monitoring program.

The number of controlled substance prescriptions received	543,876
The number of patient profiles requested by practitioners and pharmacists .....	932

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.

## Goals

The board will continue reviewing board rules and regulations with the intent to assure board rules and regulations are current with national standards and technology. The board anticipates at least one rule-making notice during the next twelve months.

The board will continue to increase awareness among practitioners and pharmacists as to the availability of the controlled substance prescription drug monitoring program.

The board will continue with timely review and issuance of licenses and registrations, inspections and investigation of consumer complaints.