ARKANSAS

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Proposed rule of the Department of Health, Division of Pharmacy Services, amends regulations concerning the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The rule reflects modification of the program to support access for certified law enforcement prescription drug diversion investigators. A hearing is scheduled for Dec. 8, 2015, in Little Rock. Comments are due Dec. 8, 2015. Contact: James Myatt; Department of Health; (501-661-2751)
--(11/10/2015)

COLORADO

Medical Marijuana - Final rule of the Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division, amends regulations under 1 CCR 212-1 regarding the sales, manufacturing and dispensing of medical marijuana. The rule establishes subpoena fees and revises definitions and declaratory orders concerning the medical code. The rule is effective Nov. 30, 2015. Contact: Julie Postlethwait; DOR, Marijuana Enforcement Division; (303-866-3461)
--(11/10/2015)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Medical Marijuana - Proposed rule of the Department of Health amends regulations under 22-C DCMR 300 regarding medical marijuana use by qualifying patients, transportation by caregivers and limitations. The rule authorizes patients to petition the director for approval to possess more than the equivalent of two ounces of dried medical marijuana in a form other than dried. A concurrent emergency rule adopts the changes, effective Oct. 15, 2015. Comments are due Dec. 14, 2015. Contact: Phillip Husband, DOH, Office of the General Counsel;

FLORIDA

Prescription Drugs Storage/Research and Development - Final rule of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics, amends regulations under FAC 61N-1.013 regarding the receipt, storage and security of prescription drugs. The rule establishes storage requirements for "limited quantities" of prescription drugs obtained from non-Florida licensed sources for research and development purposes. The rule is effective Nov. 16, 2015. Contact: Dinah Greene; DBPR, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics; (850-717-1802)
--(11/03/2015)

Dispensing Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain - Notice of the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, announces a change to an Oct. 13, 2015, proposed rule to amend regulations under FAC 64B16-27.831 regarding dispensing controlled substances for pain treatment. The rule updates standards of practice for dispensing controlled substances. The change is a substantial rewording of the rule in response to comments received from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee and the public. Contact: Allison Dudley; DOH,
Board of Pharmacy; (850-245-4130) --(11/04/2015)

**ILLINOIS**

**Electronic Prescription Monitoring Program** - Proposed rule of the Department of Human Services amends regulations under 77 IAC 2080.100 regarding the electronic prescription monitoring program. The rule requires dispensers to report to the central repository each time a Schedule II, II, IV, V or other selected drug is dispensed no later than the following business day. The rule also requires dispensers to transmit a zero report to the central repository no later than the following business day after a day in which no drugs are dispensed. Comments are due Dec. 21, 2015. Contact: Tracy Drew; DHS. Bureau of Administrative Rules and Procedures; (217-785-9772) --(11/06/2015)

**MARYLAND**

**Pharmacies/Pharmacy Interns and Technicians** - Proposed rule of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Board of Pharmacy, amends regulations under COMAR 10.34.09.02 and repeals regulations under COMAR 10.34.09.04 regarding fees. The rule reduces the pharmacy renewal fee to $500 and the fee for review of pharmacy technician training programs submitted to the board for approval to $100. The rule also sets forth fees for pharmacy intern registration and renewal, establishes fees for obtaining a duplicate pharmacy permit and duplicate wholesale distributor permit, and relocates pharmacy intern fees. In addition, the rule makes technical corrections so that the renewal months for pharmacies and wholesale distributors coincide with the renewal months specified in statute. Comments are due Nov. 16, 2015. Contact: Michele Phinney; DHMH, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination; (410-767-6499) --(10/30/2015)

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Controlled Substances/Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** - Final rule of the Department of Public Health amends regulations under 105 CMR 700.000 regarding Prescription Drug Monitoring Program reporting requirements. The rule requires dispensers to report to the department the dispensing of all controlled substances in Schedule II through V at least once per business day. The rule is effective Nov. 6, 2015. Contact: Rebecca Rodman; DPH; (617-
Mississippi

Pharmacy Practice Standards - Proposed rule of the Board of Pharmacy amends regulations under Title 30, Part 3001, Articles IV and V, regarding the pharmacy practice standards. The rule requires all licensed pharmacists to be registered with the state prescription monitoring program and specifies actions against pharmacists that fail to do so. Comments are due Dec. 4, 2015. Contact: Alecia Wasson; Board of Pharmacy; (601-899-8880) --(11/10/2015)

Nevada

Controlled Substances - Notice of the State Board of Pharmacy announces a hearing on a Sept. 17, 2015, proposed rule to amend regulations under NAC 543.540 to add lorcaserin to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances. The hearing also will address a Sept. 17, 2015, proposed rule to amend regulations under NAC 636.926 regarding the transmission of information regarding dispensing of controlled substances to certain persons. In addition, the hearing will address a July 31, 2015, proposed rule to amend regulations under NAC 639.620, .6282 and .6305 to require a third-party logistics providers to obtain licensure as an authorized warehouse. The hearing is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2015, in Reno. Comments are due Nov. 18, 2015. Contact: Shirley Hunting; SBP; (775-850-1440) --(10/29/2015)

Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Program - Final rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Therapeutic Cannabis Program, amends regulations under NHAR He-C 402.03 through .16 (nonconsecutive) regarding alternative treatment centers (ATCs). The rule clarifies the prohibition of locating an ATC in a designated drug-free school zone, implements the process for issuing a conditional registration certificate to an ATC for its cultivation location prior to the full operation of its dispensing location, and updates the required supporting documentation to be submitted by an ATC with its registration certificate application. The rule also establishes the specific date for the submission of ATC annual reports and requires ATCs to submit annual reports to the Office of the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit. In addition, the rule updates provisions for the laboratory testing of cannabis, including the licensure of laboratories, required material biologicals and chemicals for which cannabis must be tested regarding the therapeutic cannabis program registry. The rule adds epilepsy, lupus and Parkinson's disease to the definition of "qualifying medical condition"; clarifies the description of Alzheimer's disease; and revises the time frame for requirement for the submission of a photograph by qualifying patients and designated caregivers to every five years. The rule also requires the annual submission of an attestation of no felony conviction in place of the submission of a criminal history records check by caregivers, removes the alternative treatment center (ATC) registration number from a patient's registry identification card, and removes the patient's registry identification number from a caregiver's registry identification card. In addition, the rule establishes a preregistration process for patients and caregivers to register with ATCs yet unable to dispense cannabis, prohibits the production of cannabis concentrate by a patient or caregiver using an extraction method that is not water- or food-based, and establishes the petition process for medical conditions not listed as qualifying conditions. The rule is effective Nov. 2, 2015. Contact: Michael Holt; DHHS, Administrative Rules Unit; (603-271-9234) --(11/12/2015)

New Hampshire

Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Program - Final rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Program, adopts regulations under NHAR He-C 401.02 through .19 (nonconsecutive)
and acceptable thresholds, reporting requirements and sampling. Finally, the rule adds restrictions on the production of specified cannabis-infused products. The rule is effective Oct. 23, 2015. Contact: Michael Holt; DHHS, Administrative Rules Unit; (603-271-9234) --(11/12/2015)

NEW JERSEY

Prescription Monitoring Program - Proposed rule of the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, adopts regulations under 13:45A-35.1 through .11 regarding the prescription monitoring program (PMP), an electronic database of information about controlled dangerous substances (CDS) dispensed in outpatient settings. The rule requires state-licensed pharmacies to collect and electronically submit, on a daily basis, specified information about prescriptions filled for Schedule II, III, IV, or V CDS and human growth hormone and requires pharmacies that do not engage in such activities to obtain an exemption from the reporting requirements. The rule also requires registered out-of-state pharmacies to submit information about such prescriptions that are shipped, mailed, distributed or delivered into the state. In addition, the rule establishes standards and procedures regarding access to the database and sets forth a mandatory look-up requirement and exceptions to that requirement. Finally, the rule establishes recordkeeping requirements and provisions regarding professional misconduct. Comments are due Jan. 15, 2016. Contact: Steve Lee; DLPS, Division of Consumer Affairs; (973-504-6351) --(11/16/2015)

OHIO

Optometrists/Prescribing Controlled Substances - Final rule of the Board of Optometry amends regulations under OAC 4725-16-03 regarding the prescription of controlled substances. The rule revises guidelines for prescribing controlled substances to provide for the prescription of certain analgesic drugs not considered controlled substances prior to the effective date of the rule. The rule is effective Dec. 1, 2015. Contact: Jeffrey Greene; Board of Optometry; (614-466-5115) --(11/23/2015)

VERMONT

Cannabis for Symptom Relief - Final rule of the Department of Public Safety adopts regulations regarding cannabis for symptom relief. The rule waives the six-month relationship required between patient applicants and their verifying health care professional for persons diagnosed with a terminal illness, cancer with distant metastases or AIDS. The rule also provides that naturopaths with a special endorsement authorizing the individual to prescribe, dispense and administer prescriptions may verify a patient applicant’s debilitating medical condition. In addition, the rule specifies that caregiver applicants will no longer be automatically excluded due to a prior drug conviction and the department will make determination if an applicant has been rehabilitated on a case-by-case basis. Finally, the rule removes the 1,000 patient limit of registered patients who may obtain marijuana from a registered dispensary and authorizes dispensaries to deliver marijuana to registered patients and caregivers. The rule is effective Nov. 30, 2015. Contact: Lindsey Wells; DPS; (802-241-5222) --(11/05/2015)

VIRGINIA

Controlled Substances - Final rule of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Pharmacy, amends regulations under 18 VAC 110-20-322 to place six chemical compounds into Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. The rule is effective Dec. 2, 2015. Contact: Caroline Juran; Board of Pharmacy; (804-367-4416) --(11/02/2015)
Controlled Substances/Hydrocodone Combination Products - Final rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Controlled Substances Board, amends regulations under WAC CSB 2 to reclassify hydrocodone combination products from a Schedule III to a Schedule II controlled substance to conform to federal standards. The rule is effective Nov. 1, 2015. Contact: Sharon Henes; DSPS, Division of Policy Development; (608-261-2377) --(10/26/2015)

Controlled Substances/Tramadol - Final rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Controlled Substances Board, amends regulations under WAC CSB 2 to classify tramadol as a Schedule IV controlled substance to conform to federal standards. The rule is effective Nov. 1, 2015. Contact: Sharon Henes; DSPS, Division of Policy Development; (608-261-2377) --(10/26/2015)

Controlled Substances/Suvorexant - Final rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Controlled Substances Board, amends regulations under WAC CSB 2 to classify suvorexant as a Schedule IV controlled substance to conform to federal standards. The rule is effective Nov. 1, 2015. Contact: Sharon Henes; DSPS, Division of Policy Development; (608-261-2377) --(10/26/2015)

Controlled Substances - Notice of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Controlled Substances Board, announces an order to adopt regulations under WAC CSB 2.40 to remove ioflupane from the Schedule II controlled substance list to conform to federal standards. The notice specifies that the order expires when the board promulgates a final rule and that the board will omit the proposed rule. The order is effective Oct. 19, 2015. Contact: Doug Englebert; DSPS, Controlled Substances Board; (608-266-5388) --(10/19/2015)