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 **Happy Holidays!!!!**
From
Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
Board Members and Staff

2012 Pharmacist License Renewals

Pharmacist licenses expire on February 28, 2012. The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy will send out a **postcard** the first week of January 2012, as a reminder (in addition, a pharmacist that renewed online last year will be sent an e-mail reminder). This year the Board encourages you to renew your license online. **Renewal applications will not be mailed out; however, a renewal application may be printed from the Board's Web site, www.pharmacy.ky.gov.**

Continuing Education Reminder

A pharmacist shall complete a minimum of 15 contact hours (1.5 CEUs) annually between **January 1 through December 31**, pursuant to 201 KAR 2:015 Section 5(1). A pharmacist first licensed by the Board within 12 months immediately preceding the annual renewal date shall be exempt from the continuing pharmacy education provisions.

HIV/AIDS Continuing Education – Important Update

The Board of Pharmacy at its November 5, 2010 meeting changed the ruling noted in the June 2002 Board *Newsletter* regarding HIV/AIDS continuing education (CE). In that *Newsletter* it was stated that one hour (0.1 CEU) of HIV/AIDS CE must be completed between January 1 to December 31, 2010. The policy is now that a pharmacist must obtain at least one hour (0.1 CEU) every 10 years. This means that if a pharmacist received one hour of HIV/AIDS CE credit in 2004, he or she would have until 2014 to complete the next one hour of HIV/AIDS CE. This also means that if a pharmacist has yet to complete his or her first one hour of HIV/AIDS CE, he or she has until December 31, 2011. **Pursuant to 201 KAR 2:015, a pharmacist must keep his or her HIV/AIDS CE certificate for 10 years.**

2012 Pharmacy Technician Registration Renewals

Pharmacy technician registrations expire on March 31, 2012. The Board will send out a **postcard** the first week of February 2012, as a reminder (in addition, a pharmacy technician that registered online last year will be sent an e-mail reminder). The Board encourages you to renew your registration online. **Renewal applications will not be mailed out; however, a renewal application may be printed from the Board's Web site.**

Board Meeting Dates and Locations 2012

The Board of Pharmacy at its September 2011 meeting approved the following dates and locations for its meetings in 2012:

- Wednesday, January 11** Board Office
- Wednesday, March 7** Sullivan College of Pharmacy

- Wednesday, May 9** Board Office
 - Wednesday, July 11** Board Office
 - Wednesday, September 12** University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy
 - Friday, November 2** To Be Announced
 - Wednesday, December 12** Board Office
- The Board of Pharmacy Retreat for 2012 is:
Friday-Saturday, November 2-3 To Be Announced

2012 CAPTASA Conference

The 2012 Clinical Applications of the Principles in Treatment of Addictions and Substance Abuse (CAPTASA) Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, January 27-28, 2012, at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, KY. For information on this conference please visit www.CAPTASA.org or contact Sandy Patrick at sandy@captasa.org or 502/425-7761.

Pharmacist Recovery Network

Submitted by Brian Fingerson, RPh

We all know that we may see patients who come into a pharmacy that are addicted to drugs or alcohol. How do we recognize that they are addicted to these substances? Can we say we would recognize this disease in a colleague? If we do recognize it, then what do we do? Let's begin with one definition and some signs and symptoms:

Addiction is a primary, chronic, neurobiological disease, with genetic, psychosocial, and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations.

Warning Signs of Abuse and Dependency

- ◆ Cravings
- ◆ Compulsive/increased use
- ◆ Change in personality
- ◆ Social withdrawal
- ◆ Going to great lengths to obtain prescriptions
- ◆ Ongoing use
- ◆ Change in appearance
- ◆ Desensitized emotions
- ◆ Forgetfulness
- ◆ Defensiveness

If you recognize any of these signs and symptoms please contact the Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network for information, help, or any concerns you may have for yourself or a colleague. Contact Brian Fingerson, RPh, at 502/749-8385 or kyprm@att.net.

Compliance Corner

Renewal Time in the Commonwealth

Submitted by Steve Hart, RPh, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Coordinator

Pharmacists will begin the renewal process in early January and must be renewed by **February 28, 2012, at 11:59:59 PM**. As renewal time approaches the Board and staff would like to give you a few tips. Pharmacists

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should review the CE requirements for 2012 renewal. 201 KAR 2:015 Section 5 requires:

- (1) a pharmacist shall:
 - (a) Complete a minimum of one and five-tenths (1.5) CEU (fifteen contact hours) **annually between January 1 and December 31;**
 - (b) Not transfer or apply excess hours or units for future years.
- (2) A pharmacist may be granted a deferral on a year-to-year basis at the discretion of the board for illness, incapacity, or other extenuating circumstances.
- (3) A pharmacist first licensed by the board within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the annual renewal date shall be exempt from the continuing pharmacy education provisions.

Section 9: (1) At least once every ten (10) years a pharmacist shall successfully complete a continuing education course of not less than one (1) contact hour (0.1 CEU) concerning HIV/AIDS that complies with KRS 214.610(1).

- (2) The continuing education course shall be:
 - (a) Approved by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services HIV/AIDS Branch; or
 - (b) Conducted by a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

Pharmacy Technician Registration

Pharmacy technician renewal will begin in early February and on-time renewal will conclude on March 31, 2012, at 11:59:59 PM. The Board experienced a very high number of delinquent renewals in 2011. The Board recommends using the online verification on the Web site (*pharmacy.ky.gov*) to confirm the status of all employees.

As of April 1, 2009, anyone assisting in the practice of pharmacy is required to be registered as a pharmacy technician. This statute was passed and implemented to aid in curbing the controlled substance diversion across the Commonwealth. Since the registration has begun, the Board has revoked over 50 registrations for drug diversion. Are there more? Most of these diversion cases have been discovered in reviewing Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 106 forms submitted to the Board office. Each of these cases should have been reported by any pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician pursuant to **KRS 315.121:**

- (1) The Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to, or may suspend, temporarily suspend, revoke, fine, or place on probation, reprimand, reasonably restrict, or take any combination of these actions against any licensee, permit holder, or certificate holder for the following reasons:

- (j) Knowing or having reason to know that a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician has engaged in or aided and abetted the unlawful distribution of legend medications, and failing to report any relevant information to the board

Please follow through on reporting these violations in a timely fashion.

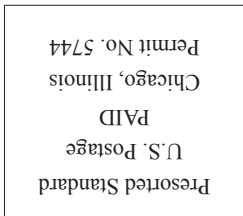
Contact Numbers of State Boards and Federal Agencies

Board of Dentistry	502/429-7280 502/429-7282 (fax)
Board of Medical Licensure	502/429-7150 502/429-7158 (fax)
Board of Nursing	502/429-3300 502/429-3311 (fax)
Board of Optometric Examiners	859/246-2744 859/246-2746 (fax)
Board of Respiratory Care	859/246-2747 859/246-2750 (fax)
Office of Drug Enforcement	502/564-7985 502/696-3880 (fax)
Food and Drug Administration (Cincinnati, OH)	513/684-3501
DEA (Louisville, KY)	502/582-5905

For more information on these and other state agencies please visit www.ky.gov, and click on the Agencies icon along the top of the page.

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