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Frankfort, Ky. (August 29, 2024) – Update from the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy regarding the alleged medication error at Med Save Pharmacy in Eminence, Kentucky.

On the morning of August 26, multiple sources informed the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy that there was an alleged medication error that occurred at Med Save Pharmacy in Eminence, KY. The alleged medication error led to the hospitalization of three children who were dispensed a compounded clonidine oral suspension.

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy deployed our pharmacist inspection staff immediately and began our investigation. While the investigation into the alleged medication error is ongoing, the Board of Pharmacy entered an agreement with Med Save Pharmacy based on the findings from our inspection of their compounding practices on August 26.

In relation to pharmaceutical compounding, USP (United States Pharmacopeia) is the FDA recognized standard of care when compounding. USP standards have been adopted as the enforceable standard by the FDA and Kentucky.

There were significant findings from the inspection on August 26 which included several areas of non-compliance with both state and federal law, including:

- Lack of documented training of pharmacy personnel
- Lack of appropriate pharmacist oversight, including the verification by a pharmacist of compounding procedures and final compounded preparations
- Missing or inappropriate documentation for compounding records and pharmaceutical ingredient storage conditions

Due to these findings, the Board of Pharmacy's Case Review Panel met for an emergency-called meeting on August 28 and requested entry of an agreed order requiring Med Save Pharmacy to cease all compounding and dispensing of compounded medications. The order was signed by the pharmacy on August 28 and is in effect.

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy will continue the investigation into the alleged medication error that led to the hospitalization of three children. The information we have indicates that the compounded clonidine was dispensed only to the three patients that were hospitalized and no other patients were affected. Currently, it appears this incident is isolated to Med Save Pharmacy in Eminence.

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy assures the public that we hold the pharmacy accountable for practicing outside the standard of practice for a compounding pharmacy.

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy serves the Commonwealth to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare through effective regulation of the practice of Pharmacy. It is our job to find out what happened and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the people of Kentucky.

We advise patients to contact their pharmacist if they have any specific questions related to their medications. Anyone who experiences a medication error should seek medical attention.

The Board asks if anyone else has been similarly impacted to please report it to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy.

To request any public record for this case, please continue to the following link and complete an official Open Records Request and email to pharmacy.board@ky.gov:

<https://pharmacy.ky.gov/Documents/2021%20Open%20Records%20Form.pdf>



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