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Law & Licensure Update



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Learning Objectives



1. Be aware of changes to the jurisprudence licensure options.
2. Realize that new opportunities exist for poly licensure.
3. Understand the options available for licensure.
4. Be aware of Standard of Care Model and implications for pharmacists.
5. Realize common law implications of recent DEA case.
6. Be aware of the most recent bioethics realities in medicine.

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NABP's Letter to the Deans

April 17, 2026



- 1. Graduation List Submission Requirements**
- 2. Transcript Submission at Graduation**
- 3. Education Verification Process**
- 4. Student Responsibilities**
- 5. Benefits to Schools and Students**

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NABP's Candidate Application Bulletin



What Is the NAPLEX?

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Armed Forces Discount, ADA Accommodations, Name Matching Requirements...

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permission from NABP.

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Original Licensure and Licensure by Examination



As a component of initial licensure, or licensure by examination, 45 boards of pharmacy require passing a law exam administered by NABP. Currently, most states require the MPJE, but as of April 1, 2026, several states have begun transitioning to the UMPJE. Find out which states accept the UMPJE as an early adopter.

The following boards have their own jurisprudence exam:

- Arkansas
- California
- Nevada
- Puerto Rico

The following boards do not require a jurisprudence exam:

- Alaska
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands

If you are seeking licensure in any of these jurisdictions, contact the board of pharmacy for their requirements.

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Uniform MPJE (UMPJE) States

As of April 1, 2026, several states have begun transitioning to the UMPJE.

Find out the details of the [states accepting the UMPJE as early adopters.](#)

The following boards [are April 1, 2026, early adopters of the UMPJE:](#)

- Arizona
- Iowa
- Kansas
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Rhode Island

The following boards [are June 1, 2026, adopters of the UMPJE:](#)

- Florida
- Maryland
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Washington**
- West Virginia

If you are seeking licensure in any of these jurisdictions, contact the [board of pharmacy](#) for their requirements.

****July 2, 2026**



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Definition of Standard of Care



- The level of care and service that a reasonably competent and skilled health professional, with a similar background and in a similar setting, would have provided under similar circumstances.
- It is a **benchmark** used to measure the quality and appropriateness of the care provided by healthcare practitioners.

Standard of Care Implementation



- Iowa was the 3rd state to implement a standard of care framework, following Idaho and Alaska.
- Iowa Pharmacy Association is focused on creating educational resources for members and collaborating with the Board of Pharmacy to implement this legislation.

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Iowa Code Chapter 155A* (Pharmacy Practice Act) (HF 555)



- Allowed for Therapeutic substitution (e.g. changing atorvastatin 40mg to rosuvastatin 20mg)**
- Added “pharmacist” to the definition of “Practitioner” found in Sec. 2 Section 155A.3, subsection 39, Code 2024, effective July 1, 2024. This definition includes prescriptive authority.
- Removed 10-mile tele-pharmacy mileage restriction from the nearest community pharmacy
- Overall reduction in bright line language

*<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/155A.pdf>

**[Iowa Pharmacy Association](#)

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Governor's Executive Order #10*



[*https://governor.iowa.gov/executive-order-number-10](https://governor.iowa.gov/executive-order-number-10)

❖ Iowa Administrative Code



- **Notice of Rule Changes:** On May 8, 2025, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy voted to adopt changes to its administrative rules. This action will rescind all current rules under 657 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) and replace them with new Chapters 550 through 557 under 481 IAC. These changes are part of the Board's compliance with Governor Kim Reynolds' Executive Order 10, issued in January 2023.
 - The adopted rules took effect on or around July 16, 2025.
- ❖ **Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing**

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❖ Iowa Administrative Code



- Board rules (through July 15, 2025) : **657 IAC**
- **Adopted rules** (effective July 16, 2025):
 - **481 IAC Chapter 550** (Definitions)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 551** (Licenses, Registrations, and Permits)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 552** (Standards--Practice of Pharmacy)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 553** (Controlled and Precursor Substances)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 554** (Operational Standards--Distribution and Drug Supply Chain)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 555** (Standards--Drugs in Emergency Medical Services Programs)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 556** (Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program)
 - **481 IAC Chapter 557** (Board of Pharmacy Operations)

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❖ Standard of Care Benchmark Questions



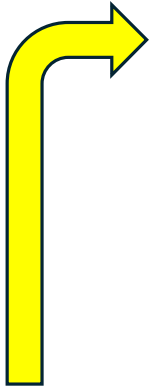
- Is the act expressly prohibited in statute or rules?
- Is the act consistent with their education, training, and experience?
- Is the act within the accepted standard of care that would be provided in a similar setting by a reasonable and prudent licensee or registrant with similar education, training, and experience?

❖ **What happens if a compliance officer doesn't agree with something we do, even if a large group of reasonably competent pharmacists agree?**



❖ The Board of Pharmacy will identify experts and ultimately make the decision. They will use resources from experts in the field, standards across the country and the state of Iowa written by professional associations and other healthcare organizations to determine if something was appropriate. It will not be down to the decision of one person. There is still a process to determine if something was within the standard of care.

Drug Topics Standard of Care Interview



Click the link
above to listen!!

The video player displays two participants in a split-screen format. On the left, Erin Albert, PharmD, JD, DASPL, is shown against a background of a wall covered in colorful notes and papers. On the right, Leslie Herron, RPh, is shown in a pharmacy setting with a sign that reads 'Sun PHA'. The video player interface includes a volume icon, a progress bar showing 9:48 / 31:12, a 1x playback speed indicator, and a close button. Logos for 'Drug Topics' and 'CostPlus DRUG COMPANY' are visible at the bottom left of the player.

Monica Nikseresht, PharmD. is also leading the way as a 3rd generation RP, owner, and Pharmacy Manager at Medicap Pharmacy, Glenwood, IA....

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Neumann's Pharmacy, L.L.C. v. DEA

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

February 13, 2026



- DEA revoked a LA pharmacy's registration for 3 "red flags"
 1. Drug cocktail, Therapeutic duplication, Self-pay
- DEA claimed that the RP violated DEA regulations; RP contended that the DEA misinterpreted its own regulations.
- RP consulted prescribers and documented.
- Court said that the DEA finding a violation "without first determining that any Rx was invalid when issued" is a misapplication.
- Corresponding responsibility applies to RP ONLY if 3 elements are met:
 1. RP fills
 2. An invalid prescription
 3. KNOWINGLY
- Ruling places liability on RPs only when an order for a controlled substance is invalid. It may be the precedent, if followed, that relieves RPs from legal action due to "red flags."

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BioEthics Current Events



Thaddeus Daniel Pierce*

Born July 26, 2025

Embryo Cryogenically Stored >30 years



Nash Keen**

Born July 5, 2025

World' s Most Premature Baby



*MIT Technology Review

**<https://uihc.org/> (link above)

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It's Kahoot! Time....



- QR Code Coming...



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Questions??



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