



## Resource Guide

Subject:	CA State Board of Pharmacy Licensing
Facility Site Review Source:	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter 20-006, Site Reviews: Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review or any superseding APL
Relevant Law/Standard:	State of California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) The Pharmacy Law (Business and Professions Code) 4180 and 4190, Article 13 and 14
Agency//Organization Source:	DCA, DHCS
Agency/Organization URL	<a href="https://www.dca.ca.gov/">https://www.dca.ca.gov/</a> <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PharmacyProviderApplicationInformation.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PharmacyProviderApplicationInformation.aspx</a>

**Background:**

- If a pharmacy is located on site and owned by the clinic, the license issued by the CA State Board of Pharmacy must be present on site.
- Every pharmacy that dispenses a controlled substance must be registered with the DEA and be licensed by the CA State Board of Pharmacy.
- A licensed pharmacist monitors drug distribution and policies and procedures for medication dispensing and storage

**Definitions:**

“Dispensing” of drugs means the furnishing of drugs or devices directly to a patient or upon a prescription from a physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, veterinarian, or upon an order to furnish drugs or transmit a prescription from a certified nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or pharmacist acting within the scope of his or her practice.

**Purpose:**

A pharmacy license is required to allow for the monitoring of drug distribution and current policies/procedures for drug storage and dispensing. (see Proper Maintenance and Storage of Drugs, Preparing and Confirming Medication/Vaccine Prior to Administration, Proper Labeling of Drugs)

**Links:**

Department of Consumer Affairs: Clinic License, Application: <https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/applicants/clinic.shtml>  
Clinic License Application Instructions: [https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/clinic\\_app\\_pkt.pdf](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/clinic_app_pkt.pdf)

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