

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF M.G.L.
c.94C, 105 CMR 700.000

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE REGULATIONS CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE
DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT, 243 CMR 2.12

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY REGULATIONS CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE
DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT, 247 CMR 16.00

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s.3 that the Boards of Registration in Medicine and Pharmacy and the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the above entitled regulatory amendments. The proposed amendments would implement Chapter 528 of the Acts of 2008.

The proposed amendments would permit a pharmacist to enter into a written, collaborative practice agreement with a supervising physician, allowing the pharmacist to initiate, monitor, modify or discontinue a patient's drug therapy. The Department's regulations would allow for a pharmacist to obtain a controlled substances registration for purposes of engaging in collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM). The regulations of the Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy would establish qualifications for a pharmacist to engage in CDTM and detail the requirements for a CDTM practice. In accordance with the statute, the regulations establish CDTM requirements specific to the pharmacy practice setting, including community (retail) pharmacies.

The hearing will be held on April 6, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Public Health Council Room A, 250 Washington St., Boston, MA. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit testimony electronically, to the following address: Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2010.

A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from LouAnn Stanton, Department of Public Health, Office of the General Counsel, at 617-624-5220.

Commissioner of Public Health

Date