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**Update Regarding the Indiana Board of Pharmacy's  
Interim Rule to Incorporate USP Standards**

**STATEWIDE** – Subsequent to the notice and information provided in its [March 22, 2024 release](#), the Indiana Board of Pharmacy (the Board) and the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) now provide the following update to our pharmacist and pharmacy licensees: formal promulgation of the Board's interim rule, to adopt and incorporate the United States Pharmacopeia's (USP) [Chapter 795](#), [Chapter 797](#), [Chapter 800](#), and [Chapter 825](#) standards, has been **postponed**, and the interim rule **will not** have an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Indiana state law under [IC 4-22-2-19.5](#) requires that, to the extent possible, rules shall minimize the expenses to regulated entities that are required to comply with the rule. [IC 4-22-2-19.5](#) also requires that rules must achieve their regulatory goal(s) in the least restrictive manner. To comply with the requirements of [IC 4-22-2-19.5](#), the Board wishes to further examine the regulatory and fiscal (economic) impact of these standards on Indiana's pharmacies. The Board will be forming a subcommittee to further discuss incorporating these standards into its administrative rules under [Title 856 of the Indiana Administrative Code](#). Subcommittee meeting information will be noticed on the IPLA's website in the same manner as the Board's regular monthly meetings. The Board and the IPLA will provide additional updates concerning these actions as deemed necessary. For questions, please contact the Board's staff at PLA at [pla4@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla4@pla.in.gov). More information regarding USP standards can be found at <https://www.usp.org/>.

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**About the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA):**

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2005, consolidating the Indiana Health Professions Bureau and the former Indiana Professional Licensing Agency into one centralized umbrella agency.

The IPLA now issues licenses for forty (40) different professions and over two hundred (200) unique license types. 1 in 6 working Hoosiers are currently licensed by the IPLA. The IPLA supports thirty-four (34) of the State of Indiana's occupational licensing boards, commissions, and committees in administering their duties and business, and also provides inspection services for certain professions and businesses across the state of Indiana. The IPLA partners with several other Indiana state agencies in providing professional licensing services, by managing the State of Indiana's online professional licensing system – the Indiana Licensing Enterprise. The IPLA's mission is to ensure Hoosiers have access to a robust, safe, and reliable professional workforce by providing licensure to professionals in a fair and efficient manner. For more information, visit the IPLA's website [here](#).