

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal and Replace

RULE NO.: 680-X-2-.05

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

RULE TITLE: Pharmacies

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. The Board received 1 comment in support of the proposed Repeal and Replace.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 6, AAM,
DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026.

STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 34-23-92

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

Pharmacies.

(1) Consistent with the definition of "pharmacy" set forth in §34-23-1, the Board further classifies pharmacies into the following subtypes: independent, chain, non-resident, institutional, and retail medical oxygen.

(a) An independent pharmacy is a community pharmacy providing dispensing services as a component of their practice that:

1. Is not owned, operated, or controlled by a chain pharmacy corporation;
2. Employs fewer than forty (40) full-time equivalent pharmacists that work in a dispensing role; and
3. Meets all licensing and permit requirements of the Board

(b) A chain pharmacy is a pharmacy providing dispensing services as a component of their practice that:

1. Is owned, operated, or controlled by a chain pharmacy corporation;
2. Employs at least forty (40) full-time equivalent pharmacists that work in a dispensing role across all its pharmacy locations collectively; and
3. Meets all licensing and permit requirements of the Board

Author: Alabama Board of Pharmacy

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-23-92.

History: Filed June 1, 1982. **Repealed and New Rule:** Published May 29, 2026; effective July 13, 2026.