Overview
Established in 2007, Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) offers the most comprehensive compliance solution in the industry, with standards based on U.S. Pharmacopeia Convention (USP) guidelines. PCAB assesses pharmacies that compound medications whether in the retail, hospital, mail order, or closed door setting. This includes the combining, mixing, or altering of drug ingredients to create a medication pursuant to a prescription order for an individually identified patient. An extensive on-site survey conducted by an independent expert and annual verification ensures compliance with the non-sterile and sterile pharmacy compounding process defined by USP <795> and USP <797>.

CFST - PCAB Sterile Compounding. Sterile Pharmacy Compounding is the practice of preparing sterile medications for patients through strict procedures to prevent contamination and maintain patient safety. PCAB Sterile Pharmacy Compounding measures a specific set of process standards that concentrate on the quality and consistency of medications that are produced.

CFNS - PCAB Non-Sterile Compounding. Non-Sterile Pharmacy Compounding is a process by which a pharmacist prepares drugs by combining, mixing, or altering ingredients into a pharmaceutical preparation. These preparations are designed to be administered by a route of administration that does not require sterility as result of a practitioner’s prescription drug order. Compounding includes the preparation of drugs in anticipation of receiving prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns. PCAB Non-Sterile Pharmacy Compounding measures a specific set of process standards that concentrate on the quality and consistency of compounded preparations.

IRX - Infusion Pharmacy Services (incl. Sterile Compounding, Ref. USP <797>). Infusion Pharmacy services include IV drug mixture preparation, IV administration, therapy monitoring, client/patient counseling, and education. It is the administration of medications using intravenous, subcutaneous and epidural routes. ACHC Infusion Pharmacy standards include sterile compounding, referencing USP <797>. IRX covers the process of sterile compounding, patient care, and pharmacy-related DMEPOS equipment and supplies.

Stated Benefits of PCAB
THIRD-PARTY RECOGNITION
- PCAB Accreditation meets compliance requirements for a growing number of payers, networks, and regulatory bodies.

IMPROVED QUALITY AND SAFETY
- In achieving PCAB Accreditation, pharmacies benefit from consistent practices that result in improved safety, efficiency, and quality of care.

RISK AVERSION
- Adherence to PCAB standards helps pharmacies maintain compliance with all applicable USP guidelines.

MARKET ADVANTAGE

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- PCAB Accreditation allows pharmacies to distinguish themselves among their competitors by demonstrating a commitment to compliance with USP compounding standards as well as industry best practices.

**OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES**
- PCAB’s educational approach to accreditation enhances business operations, helps inform effective strategies, and improves patient outcomes through evidence-based best practices.

**CONTINUITY OF SERVICE**
- PCAB facilitates a standardized level of service that includes sound procedures, documentation, and training to ensure consistent performance across the entire organization.

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**JHACO MDC – Medication Compounding Certification**

**Overview**
JHACO Medication Compounding certification program was designed to:
- Evaluate a pharmacies compliance with standards that were based off the sterile and non-sterile compounding requirements issued by the USP in its chapters <797> and <795>
- Onsite review conducted at least once every two years
- Reviews completed by pharmacist surveyors that have undergone specific training in evaluating USP compliance.

**Focus Topics**
- People: training, proper use of personal protective equipment, aseptic technique
- Product: sterility of base products, beyond use dates, labeling
- Environment: airflow, buffer areas, guidelines for cleaning and documentation, storage

**Eligibility**
- Compounding pharmacies that provide sterile and nonsterile compounding services are eligible to apply for certification. An earned certification is good for two years. Unlike other Joint Commission certification programs, you do not need to be a Joint Commission-accredited organization to obtain this certification.
- In the pipeline: The Joint Commission is adding a new chapter on medication compounding to our Home Care Accreditation program. Pharmacies providing infusion services, specialty pharmacies, long term care pharmacies and freestanding infusion centers are eligible for accreditation under the Home Care Accreditation program. The new medication compounding chapter becomes effective in January 2018. The fees under the home care accreditation program do vary by size of the pharmacy, and this is a 3-year award.

**Stated Benefits of JHACO MDC**
- Reduce risk and harm
- Help ensure USP compliance
- Discover and remedy hidden gaps in policies and procedures
- Engage staff in improvements
- Access to The Joint Commission’s leading practices library
- Receive the world’s most recognized “seal of approval”

[https://www.jointcommission.org/med_compounding_cert.aspx](https://www.jointcommission.org/med_compounding_cert.aspx)
NABP VPP (Verified Pharmacy Program)

Overview
NABP’s Verified Pharmacy Program (VPP) can help streamline the interstate licensure and inspection process for pharmacies, potentially reducing costs related to multiple inspections. If your pharmacy is seeking nonresident licensure, VPP allows state boards of pharmacy to access your verified pharmacy licensure details and other important data through the use of a secure information sharing network. Becoming a VPP participant provides your pharmacy with its own NABP e-Profile ID, which will enable boards of pharmacy to ensure that they are accessing information about the correct pharmacy. The program equips the state boards of pharmacy with quality and timely data that can assist in decreasing the time it takes to make licensing decisions.

• Inspection and information sharing service
• Snapshot in time of a pharmacy operations
• Inspection for compliance with USP 795 and 797 if compounding and of general pharmacy operations
• Inspection report provided to pharmacy and state board of pharmacy
• NABP does not make final determinations of pharmacy compliance/approval. Review of documentation and determination of licensure/compliance left to the state boards of pharmacy

Stated Benefits of VPP
• VPP acts as a supplement to state processes for pharmacies that must renew or obtain nonresident licensure to remain compliant. VPP provides state boards of pharmacy with your verified pharmacy data and a uniform inspection service when requested to assist with licensing decisions.
• VPP offers inspections for nonresident pharmacies. If an out-of-state board requires a current inspection by a board-approved third party or designated agent, an inspection through VPP may meet this requirement.
• VPP can assist compounding pharmacies in demonstrating compliance with USP Chapters <795> and/or <797>. This helpful process is available for resident and nonresident pharmacies.

VPP Inspection Guidance Document

NABP Multistate Pharmacy Inspection Blueprint Program

Overview
The Multistate Pharmacy Inspection Blueprint Program provides boards of pharmacy with the tools to inspect sterile compounding pharmacies that ship across state lines. States that participate in the Blueprint Program can easily tell which resident state inspections meet their requirements, alleviating the burden on staff and easing concerns for public safety during these times of limited resources.

NABP established the Blueprint Program after working with the member boards of pharmacy to develop the Multistate Pharmacy Inspection Blueprint, a living document that provides a minimum set of...
inspection criteria for pharmacy inspections. The Blueprint will be regularly reviewed to ensure it stays current with evolving pharmacy regulation and practices. The Multistate Pharmacy Inspection Blueprint can be found in Appendix A of the Model Act.

States Participating in the Blueprint Program
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Ohio
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

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**URAC**

URAC does not accredit or certify the work done in compounding pharmacies or compounding functions. URAC’s Pharmacy Quality Management® accreditation programs include Specialty Pharmacy, Community Pharmacy, Mail Service Pharmacy, Drug Therapy Management, Pharmacy Benefit Management, and Workers’ Compensation Pharmacy Benefit Management. URAC defines Specialty Pharmacy as a full service pharmacy that specializes in filling prescriptions for patients who need certain high-cost biotech and injectable medications. These specialty medications help patients with complex conditions including multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, certain types of cancer, solid organ transplant, and hemophilia. These drugs can be injected, infused or taken orally, and typically require special handling and other specialty expertise.

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