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To: All Licensed Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians(Advanced) and Pharmacy Technician Student Interns and Graduate, and Pharmacist in Charge

From: Jeri Betts, Administrator

Date: September 14, 2010

RE: Pharmacy Technician License Expiration Date Change

Effective October 1, 2010, all pharmacy technician licenses will expire on December 31 to coincide with all other pharmacy and pharmacist licenses issued by the Board of Pharmacy. This applies to all levels of the pharmacy technician license, including pharmacy technician (advanced), pharmacy technician student interns and graduates.

All active pharmacy technician licenses beginning with an expiration date of October 31, 2010, will be converted and a new license with a new expiration date of December 31, 2011 will be reissued.

Example – the following applies only to pharmacy technician licenses subject to renewal and for the purposes of converting licenses to a fixed expiration date; this does not effect initial licensure applications.

IF YOUR LICENSE CURRENTLY EXPIRES ON:	FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONVERSION ONLY, YOU WILL BE REISSUED A LICENSE WITH A NEW LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE OF:	YOUR LICENSE WILL BE VALID FOR XX NUMBER OF MONTHS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST:
October 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	14 Months
November 30, 2010	December 31, 2011	13 Months
December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	12 Months
January 31, 2011	December 31, 2011	11 Months
February 28, 2011	December 31, 2011	10 Months
March 31, 2011	December 31, 2011	09 Months
April 30, 2011	December 31, 2011	08 Months
May 31, 2011	December 31, 2011	07 Months
June 30, 2011	December 31, 2011	06 Months
July 31, 2011	December 31, 2011	05 Months
August 30, 2011	December 31, 2011	03 Months
September 31, 2011	December 31, 2011	02 Months

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A license will automatically be reissued with the new expiration date and sent to you at the last known address on file with this office. Mailing will begin by August 30, please allow approximately two weeks to receive the updated license. I would also like to remind you of the mandatory law requirement for reporting information such as an address change. You may update your address yourself online at www.maine.gov/professionallicensing Following is an excerpt from law for your convenience:

10 MRSA §8003-G. Duty to require certain information from applicants and licensees

The Office of Licensing and Registration, referred to in this subsection as "the office," including the licensing boards and commissions and regulatory functions within the office, shall require:

1. **Respond to inquiries.** All applicants for license renewal to respond to all inquiries set forth on renewal forms; and
2. **Report in writing.** All licensees and applicants for licensure to report in writing to the office no later than 10 days after the change or event, as the case may be:
 - A. Change of name or address;
 - B. Criminal conviction;
 - C. Revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action taken in this or any other jurisdiction against any occupational or professional license held by the applicant or licensee; or
 - D. Any material change in the conditions or qualifications set forth in the original application for licensure submitted to the office.

Once you receive your license with the new expiration date, please discard your old license. Please remember that pursuant to Board Rule Chapter 7, Section 3 (1), "A pharmacy technician shall carry the wallet-sized registration card issued by the board at all times the technician is on duty and shall produce the card upon request of the pharmacist in charge, a pharmacist on duty or an inspector of the board." In addition, Board Rule Chapter 7, Section 3 (2) requires, "The pharmacist in charge shall prominently display for public view the registration certificates of all pharmacy technicians employed at the drug outlet for which the pharmacist in charge is responsible. If the pharmacy technician works at multiple sites, the certificate shall be displayed at the technician's primary work site."

If you did not receive your reissued license by September 30, contact our office via email at: pharmacy.lic@maine.gov

Information on Initial Licenses

All initial licenses issued beginning with October 1, 2010, will be issued with an expiration date of December 31, 2011.

Beginning on January 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 initial licenses will be issued with a December 31, 2011, expiration date; and

Initial licenses issued beginning on November 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, will receive a license with a December 31, 2012, expiration date. This same system will apply for each year following.

Renewing your license. As a reminder, you may begin to renew your license 60 days (*November 1*) prior to the license expiration date online at www.maine.gov/professionallicensing A license renewal reminder notice is sent as a courtesy, but it is your responsibility to renew your license timely regardless that you receive this reminder or not. As noted above, please be sure to report required information.

