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THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY **ALERT**

Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2014 Signed into Law on
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The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (BORP) has begun the process of writing regulations that define the requirements set forth in chapter 159 of the Acts of 2014. The timeline for implementation of these requirements is dictated by chapter 159; some take effect immediately and others by the end of the year.

This alert is the first of many communications from BORP to its registrants. Additional information and updates will be disseminated as well as posted to the BORP website.

Compounding Operations

- Section 6:

- o All drug preparations compounded shall be labeled notifying users/practitioners that the drug is a compounded drug preparation
 - Future Guidance will provide details once regulations are promulgated
- o All pharmacies engaged in sterile or complex non-sterile compounding shall provide a telephone number
- o This phone shall be staffed during regular hours of operation and not less than 56 hours/week
- o This phone number shall be noted on the drug's container

Continuing Education Requirements: Beginning January 1, 2015

- Section 13:

- o Continuing Education requirements for **all** pharmacists registered in Massachusetts have changed.
- o The new requirements will take effect **January 1, 2015**, i.e. for the next renewal cycle (2015 / 2016).

	New Requirements Law (Beginning 1/1/2015)	Previous Requirements
Total CEU per calendar year	20	15
Live	5	5
Law	2	2
Sterile Compounding (if engaged in or oversee)	5	N/A
Non-Sterile Complex (if engaged in or oversee)	3	N/A

- o Audits of randomly selected renewed licenses will be conducted and licensees who are not in compliance or fail to provide requested documentation within 7 days of receiving request shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

Link to Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2014: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter159>

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