



**Department of Health  
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission  
Directive**

<b>Title:</b>	Nonresident Pharmacy: List of Approved Inspection Programs
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[RCW 18.64.360\(1\)\(b\)](#) requires a nonresident pharmacy, upon initial licensure and at renewal, to submit a copy of an inspection report that is conducted by an inspection program approved by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission, and that was issued within the last two years. This directive identifies those inspection programs the Commission has approved as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission.

### **Approved Inspection Programs**

The Commission has approved the inspection programs of the following state boards of pharmacy (or equivalent state regulatory agency) and two third-party inspection programs as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission:

Alabama	New Hampshire
California	New Jersey
Colorado	North Carolina
Connecticut	North Dakota
Gates Healthcare Associates	Ohio
Iowa	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	South Dakota
Michigan	Virginia
Minnesota	West Virginia
NABP's Verified Pharmacy Program	

### **Approved Inspection Programs That Do Not Meet Commission Frequency Standards**

The Commission has approved the inspection programs of the following state boards of pharmacy (or equivalent state regulatory agency) as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission. The Commission also understands these inspection programs do not conduct inspections every two years. Nonresident pharmacies are reminded that inspection reports submitted as part of an application or as part of the renewal process must have occurred within the last two years. So, while inspection reports conducted by the following state boards of pharmacy (or equivalent state regulatory agency) are acceptable, they must have occurred within the last two years or another inspection report from an approved inspection program will need to be submitted:

Delaware	New York
Nebraska	

**Approved Inspection Programs for Nonresident Pharmacies Who Attest They Do Not Engage in Compounding**

The Commission has approved the inspection programs of the following state boards of pharmacy (or equivalent state regulatory agency) as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission ***but only for*** nonresident pharmacies attesting that they do not engage in compounding as defined in RCW 18.64.011(6).

Arizona	Montana
Arkansas	Nevada
Florida	New Mexico
Georgia	Oklahoma
Idaho	Oregon
Illinois	Rhode Island
Indiana	South Carolina
Kansas	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Vermont
Maine*	Wisconsin
Maryland	Wyoming
Mississippi	Utah
Missouri	

\*Inspections are not conducted every two years.

**Inspection Programs That Have Not Been Approved by the Commission**

The Commission has determined that inspections from the following state board of pharmacy (or equivalent state regulatory agency) are not substantially equivalent to those of the Commission and will not be accepted:

Alaska	
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The Commission is aware the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy does not conduct inspections. Nonresident pharmacies located in Hawaii are still required to comply with [RCW 18.64.360\(1\)\(b\)](#) and must provide an inspection report from an approved inspection program as outlined in this Directive.

The Commission will review this Directive on an annual basis.

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