

Washington State Department of Health
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

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Directive

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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 three third-party inspection programs as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission:

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

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

*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.