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Assemblymember Berman
State Capitol
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Dear Assemblymember Berman:

This is in response to your May 18, 2026 letter, wherein you write to clarify the Legislature's intent regarding provisions contained in Assembly Bill (AB) 1503 (Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025) specifically related to nonresident pharmacies.

The Board shares your commitment to consumer protection and is grateful for your leadership in advancing important updates to California Pharmacy Law, including the provisions enacted through AB 1503. The Board remains confident that its implementation efforts are consistent with legislative intent.

As part of these efforts, the Board has publicly discussed AB 1503 at numerous Board and Committee meetings. With respect to the nonresident pharmacy provisions specifically, the Board released a [policy statement](#) that provides information regarding nonresident pharmacy provisions, including the Board's expectations specifically related to compliance with California law. The policy statement highlights enforcement priorities for the Board in this area, including specifically:

1. Delays in Therapy
2. Quality Assurance Programs
3. Operational Standards and Security (including, for example, the requirement that each pharmacy licensed by the Board maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured, and distributed; see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1714, subd. (b)).

The policy statement also generally describes inspection expectations. Following its release, the Board received supportive comments from stakeholders directly affected by the new provisions.

More recently, during the June Licensing Committee meeting and subsequent June Board meeting, the Board finalized a fact sheet intended to further communicate its enforcement priorities for nonresident pharmacies, with a

particular focus on inspection expectations. This resource identifies documentation and practices inspectors will review, including compliance with patient consultation requirements for prescriptions delivered to California patients, reporting to the Board's medication error reporting system, and maintaining a master list of pharmacists involved in dispensing medications to California patients.

We believe these efforts demonstrate the Board's alignment with the legislative intent of the provisions. The Board provides annual presentations on both the Board's inspection program and the Board's citation and fine program, including information specifically related to each licensing program. We would be pleased to provide summary information in the future should that be helpful.

Additionally, as the Board President, I welcome the opportunity to meet at your convenience to discuss this matter further. Anne Sodergren, the Board's Executive Officer, would be happy to coordinate scheduling and can be reached at anne.sodergren@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seung J. Oh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "Oh" at the end.

Seung Oh, President
California State Board of Pharmacy