Response Log

VIN News queried veterinary medical licensing boards across the country last September to ascertain whether the implementation of USP 800 in December 2019 might change how veterinary medicine is regulated. Among the 50 state agencies contacted, regulators in 17 states responded to the following questions:

1) Will the standards in place in USP 800 be added to your state's practice act?
2) Are they already in place?
3) Will they be taken into account in premises inspections?

Alaska
“I forwarded your question to the Alaska veterinary board chair. When I receive a reply I will forward it to you.”
— Virginia Geary, licensing examiner, Board of Veterinary Examiners

Delaware
“Since you are referring to handling of hazardous drugs, you will need to defer to the Controlled Substance Registration's enabling statute or regulations.”
— Nicole M. Williams, administrative specialist III, Division of Professional Regulation

Georgia
“The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine (the ‘Board’) met on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and reviewed your correspondence in reference to USP Chapter 800. The Board would like to thank you for your correspondence, and upon the Board’s assessment of the information provided, the following motion was entered: Notify the writer that the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine will not amend the practice act to include provisions of USP 800 as it is a federal regulation and any violation thereof may subject veterinarians to disciplinary action. If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please feel free to submit them in writing to the Board office via email to PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov or you may contact our office at (478) 207-2440.”
— Michelle Foster, board support specialist healthcare II, Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards

Idaho
“In short, the answer to all of your questions is no.”
— Jeremy Brown, executive director, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine

Iowa
“Will the standards in place in USP 800 be added to your state’s practice act? No. Are they already in place? The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine, along with legal counsel of the Attorney General’s office, believe Iowa law and associated administrative rules address compliance of veterinarians and veterinary technicians with all state and federal laws. Will they be taken into account in premises inspections? The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine, which is part of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, does not conduct routine premises inspections. Also, to note is the Iowa Board of Pharmacy regulates pharmacies, pharmacists, and businesses compounding drugs.”
— Dr. David Schmitt, state veterinarian and executive secretary, Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine

Missouri
“Thank you for your inquiry. At this time, the Board has not promulgated rules incorporating USP Chapter 800 into its regulations. However, the Board is in the process of reviewing all of its rules and will incorporate a discussion about USP Chapter 800 as part of that review.”
— Dana K. Fennewald, executive director, Missouri Veterinary Medical Board

Nebraska
“Will the standards in place in USP 800 be added to your state’s practice act? Not known at this time. Are they already in place? No. Will they be taken into account in premises inspections? Veterinary practice clinics are not currently licensed nor required to be inspected.”
— Kelli S. Dalrymple, health licensing coordinator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Nevada
“Due to our extremely full agenda, we were not able to address the information regarding hazardous drug handling. I will have it on the July agenda for review.”
— Jennifer Pedigo, executive director, State of Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
New Hampshire
“The Board will address this at their next meeting which has not been scheduled yet. I estimate it will be sometime in November. Once it is scheduled it will be on our web site under ‘Meetings and Minutes’.
— Kim M. Lavoie, administrative secretary, New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine

New Mexico
“The NMBOP plans to enforce provisions within USP 800. By statute, the USP is considered the Official Compendium. Inspectors have been attending training regarding USP 800 as possible. Both by attending seminars and as provided on the web. The implementation date for USP 800 has been moved from July 1, 2018 to December 1, 2019. I am able to discuss further.”
— Frances Sowers, executive director, New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine

Ohio
“BoP is the regulatory body for veterinarians when it comes to drugs.”
— Joe McClain, licensure coordinator, Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

Oklahoma
“I asked the OK BD of Pharmacy Director, Chelsea Church to assist me with an answer regarding USP Chapter 800 — they have formed a subcommittee to go through USP 800 to determine if Oklahoma will require pharmacies to adopt all the rules or just enforce sections (pieces) of it. Currently, it looks like they may hold USP 800 standards for Category I drugs of the NIOSH list and then most likely use USP795 for Categories 2 and 3. At this time the Veterinary Practice Act will not have any changes related to USP Chapter 800.”
— Cathy Kirkpatrick, executive director, Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Pennsylvania
“The Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, Act of December 27, 1974, P.L. 995, No. 326, ("Act"), 63 P.S. §§ 485.1-485.33 does not reference USP Chapter 800 and the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) is unaware of any current legislative activity to add such a reference to the Act. You may investigate and track legislative activity in the Pennsylvania General Assembly via the website. To the extent that your inquiry seeks guidance whether the concepts contained in USP Chapter 800 currently do, or will, apply to veterinarians and other persons authorized to practice veterinary medicine activities under the existing Act and Board regulations, please note that the Board’s activities are limited to only those activities authorized by the ‘Act.”
— Peter D. Kovach, senior counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of State

Texas
“After discussion among staff here at TBVME, at this time we have no immediate plans to incorporate their standards into our rules or enforcement practices.”
— Loris Jones, public information officer, Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Virginia
“USP Chapter 800 regarding hazardous drugs and their safe handling in healthcare settings is on the agenda for a future meeting of the Board.”
— Diane E. Powers, director of communications, Virginia Department of Health Professions

Washington
“These won’t be directly in our Veterinary Practice Act, but the Act has a law that vets must follow all pharmacy rules. The commission is currently evaluating the differences in 797, L&I, and 800 (USP 800, which is effective next year). Pharmacy Commission will establish standards for pharmacies that handle hazardous drugs or at the very least a guidance document similar to the one for USP 797. It may be helpful for other practitioners to use as well but I don’t believe the intent or the authority will be to develop guidance/standards for other providers.”
— Loralei Walker, program manager, Veterinary Board of Governors

Wisconsin
“The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) does not administer rules or statutes governing the handling of hazardous drugs in healthcare settings; those types of issues would typically fall under the state Pharmacy Examining Board. However, we do plan to discuss the role of the VEB in these types of issues involving veterinary professionals.”
— Matthew Tompach, executive director, Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

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