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Notice of Extension of Deadline for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician

Take notice that N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(b) provides that by March 2, 2008, a pharmacy shall employ a person as a pharmacy technician only if that person has been registered with the Board or if that person has been designated a pharmacy technician applicant pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(c). N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(e) provides that by March 2, 2008, any person who is hired as a pharmacy technician who is not registered shall be designated a pharmacy technician applicant. This designation shall only be valid for a period of 180 days, after which time the applicant shall cease performing pharmacy technician functions. N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(d) provides that all persons who are employed as pharmacy technicians on September 4, 2007 shall be registered with the Board by March 2, 2008.

The March 2, 2008 deadline in N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(b), (c) and (d) was established by the Board when it proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6. The notice of proposal for N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6, which appeared in the New Jersey Register at 38 N.J.R. 3137(a), provided that the registration scheme outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6 would become effective 180 days following the effective date of the new rule. N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6 became effective on September 4, 2007, with the publication of the notice of adoption in the New Jersey Register at 39 N.J.R. 3774(b).

Take further notice that, due to unforeseen production delays, the application forms for registration as pharmacy technicians pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6 will not be available by March 2, 2008. Therefore, the Board has determined to extend the March 2, 2008 deadline established in N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(b), (c) and (d) to December 1, 2008. Consistent with this extension, the registration requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.6(b), (c) and (d) will be as follows: as of December 1, 2008, a pharmacy shall employ only registered pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician applicants; by December 1, 2008, any person who is hired as a pharmacy technician who is not registered with the Board shall be designated a pharmacy technician applicant for a period of no more than 180 days; and all persons who are employed as pharmacy technicians on September 4, 2007 shall be required to be registered with the Board by December 1, 2008.