

Options for Pharmacies who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey

If a pharmacy has experienced flooding or other damage due to Hurricane Harvey, per Rule 291.3 the pharmacy may do any of the following:

- 1) **Temporarily Close the Pharmacy for 90 days** – the pharmacy must notify TSBP of the closure. The notification must include the name, address, and license number of the pharmacy and contact information of the managing officer or pharmacist-in-charge. In some circumstances, the Board may grant extensions to temporarily closed pharmacies on a case-by-case basis allowing them to be closed longer than the 90 days.
- 2) **Change Location** – TSBP will waive the fee for a change of location if the pharmacy is in a county declared as a “disaster” by Governor Abbot. However, the pharmacy must complete the [change of location form](#). The pharmacy must also submit a signed lease agreement where the tenant matches the name of the pharmacy owner and the address on the application matches the premises defined in the lease agreement. For these change of locations ONLY, we will accept a faxed or scanned copy of the form. For questions regarding the change of location, please contact Sarah Moody at (512) 305-8022.
- 3) **Close the Pharmacy** – the pharmacy must submit all required information requested on the closing form. The license will be closed and if the pharmacy wishes to open again, they would need to submit a new pharmacy application.

Some pharmacies are setting up trailers outside of a damaged pharmacy store. As long as the trailer is at the **same address** a change of location application is NOT needed.

Emergency Remote Pharmacies/Temporary Pharmacies

An emergency remote pharmacy (temporary pharmacy) is a way to provide pharmacy services to the public during an emergency situation. (i.e., a pharmacy located at a shelter that is housing evacuees).

The provider or home pharmacy must have an ACTIVE Class A, C, or D pharmacy license. An emergency remote pharmacy does not allow a pharmacy to change location or close. Instead, an emergency remote pharmacy permit allows a pharmacy to operate at the home location AND another location to provide emergency services.

The emergency remote pharmacy must follow the same rules for the class of pharmacy that the home pharmacy is licensed. An emergency remote pharmacy licensed issued to a Class A pharmacy must follow the rules for Class A pharmacies. An emergency remote pharmacy issued to a Class C pharmacy must follow the rules for Class C pharmacies. An emergency remote pharmacy issued to a Class D pharmacy must follow the rules for Class D pharmacies.

The rules regarding emergency remote pharmacies may be found in Board rule §291.127 located on page 210 in the 2017 TSBP Rule Book.