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Dear Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

On behalf of the Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding, I am writing to express our support for your declaratory ruling regarding the purchasing and compounding of Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists (GLP-1s) products by physicians.

Your ruling appropriately emphasizes that "Alabama-licensed physicians are required to comply with USP standards when compounding GLP-1 products." APC wholeheartedly supports this requirement, as it aligns with the standards already upheld by state-licensed compounding pharmacies. USP standards represent a nationally recognized benchmark for ensuring patient safety.

We respectfully encourage the ALBME to extend this requirement to encompass *all* compounding performed by physicians, rather than limiting it to GLP-1 products. USP standards are designed to apply universally to all types of compounding, regardless of the specific substance involved, to safeguard patient health and ensure consistency in compounding practices.

To further strengthen patient protections in Alabama, we urge the ALBME to issue a broader ruling requiring all physician-compounded preparations to adhere to USP standards.

Thank you for considering our input on this important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at scott@a4pc.org.

Best,

Scott Brunner, CAE
Chief Executive Officer

The Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding is the industry trade association and the voice for pharmacy compounding and, representing more than 600 compounding small businesses – including compounding pharmacists and technicians in both 503A and 503B settings, as well as prescribers, educators, researchers, and suppliers.