



## **NOTICE CONCERNING 3PL LICENSURE**

The Board included the following in its 2019 Legislation FAQ document. This notice contains some additional information.

**Q: Do third-party logistics providers (3PLs) need to be licensed in order to ship or transport drugs into and within Minnesota?**

A: Yes, effective July 1, 2019 all 3PLs that ship or transport drug into or within Minnesota must be licensed by the Board. Until the Board can make changes to its licensing database, 3PLs will receive a license number that starts with “3” – like wholesalers do. However, they will be regulated as a 3PL and not as a wholesaler. Any 3PL that is currently licensed as a drug wholesaler will need to change their license type.

Due to the short time period between the enactment of the legislation and the July 1, 2019 effective date, 3PLs that are not currently licensed by the Board as wholesalers can continue to do business within Minnesota until the Board announces otherwise. It will take time for the Board to develop and distribute a new 3PL license application. And once that application is ready, it will take time for 3PLs to go through the application process. The Board hopes to have the application ready in July and we will give 3PLs until November 1, 2019 to be licensed.

Many 3PLs are currently licensed by the Board as drug wholesalers. Those 3PLs can continue to operate under their current wholesaler license until we can get them converted to 3PL licensure. When we do the conversion, the currently licensed 3PLs will not have to pay an additional fee.