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TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY  
 FROM: Carmen A. Catizone, Executive Director/Secretary  
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 RE: NAPLEX/MPJE Testing Limits

In response to enhanced security measures and in conformance with best practices in the field of testing, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is implementing maximum limits regarding the total number of times an examinee may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).

Effective March 1, 2013, and in accordance with state statutes and regulations, candidates are only permitted five attempts to pass the NAPLEX and MPJE. The MPJE limit applies to attempts to pass the MPJE within the same jurisdiction or state. For example, a candidate seeking to pass the Illinois MPJE is limited to five attempts for the Illinois MPJE; the same candidate may also seek to pass the Texas MPJE and is limited to five attempts to pass the Texas MPJE. If a candidate does not complete the NAPLEX or MPJE during a test session, the incomplete examination is counted toward the five-attempt limitation.

- On or after March 1, 2013, a candidate who has attempted to pass the NAPLEX or MPJE **five or more times** will have one final opportunity to pass the applicable examination. On or after March 1, 2013, a candidate who has attempted to pass the NAPLEX or MPJE **less than five times** is subject to the five-attempt limitation.
- Notwithstanding the NABP limits on examination attempts, NABP member boards retain authority to determine a candidate's eligibility to test for the NAPLEX and MPJE. For example, some jurisdictions have more stringent standards and require candidates to pass the NAPLEX and MPJE in **less than five attempts**. NABP will abide by the more stringent requirements of these jurisdictions. **If a candidate has not passed the NAPLEX or MPJE within five attempts and a member board deems this candidate eligible to take the NAPLEX or MPJE after the fifth attempt, NABP will deliver the NAPLEX or MPJE to the candidate in accordance with NABP standards.**

Please note that the waiting period between adjacent attempts to take the NAPLEX and MPJE remains the same: candidates who fail or who do not complete the NAPLEX must wait 91 days before the next attempt and candidates who fail or who do not complete the MPJE must wait 30 days before the next attempt.

cc: NABP Executive Committee  
 NABP Advisory Committee on Examinations