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July 20, 2018

Melanie Zimmerman
Executive Secretary
Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy
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Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

The purpose of this letter is to refer to the Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) for appropriate follow up, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) concerns about poor sterile practices observed during an FDA inspection at a pharmacy licensed by the Pennsylvania BOP, Diamond Drugs, Inc., dba Diamond Pharmacy Services, located at 645 Kotler Drive, Indiana, PA 15701-3570 (pharmacy license #PP414152L).

FDA inspected the firm from July 18, 2017, to July 21, 2017. Pennsylvania BOP was informed of the inspection but did not accompany the FDA investigator during the inspection. A copy of a Form FDA 483 that documents our investigator's observations from the inspection can be found at https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/OfficeofGlobalRegulatoryOperationsandPolicy/ORA/ORAElectronicReadingRoom/UCM575157 with any nonpublic information redacted. Because we consider this inspection to be "closed" under 21 CFR 20.64(d)(3), you may request a copy of the Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) that FDA will provide to the firm. If you are a Commissioned Official or if your state agency has entered into a 21 CFR 20.88 information sharing agreement, you may be able to receive a copy of the Form FDA 483 or the EIR that includes certain nonpublic information. Alternatively, you may also choose to request a copy of the EIR directly from the firm.

During the inspection, the FDA investigator reviewed a small sample of records for products compounded by Diamond Pharmacy Services and determined, based on this sample, that this firm appears to obtain valid prescriptions for individually-identified patients for the drug products that it compounds and distributes.

During the inspection, the FDA investigator observed deviations from appropriate sterile practice standards that, if not corrected, could lead to contamination of drugs, potentially putting patients at risk. Examples of deviations observed during our inspection include:

1. The firm failed to perform adequate smoke studies under dynamic conditions to demonstrate unidirectional airflow within the ISO 5 area.

2. Disinfecting agents used in the ISO 5 laminar air flow hood were not sterile.

Diamond Pharmacy Services committed to FDA in its written responses, received July 28, 2017, and November 10, 2017, to correct the deviations in the Form FDA 483 and provided documentation in support of those corrective actions. In addition, the deviations identified appear to be readily correctable.

After review of the record, FDA does not intend to take further action at this time with regard to the findings of this inspection. This firm apparently obtains prescriptions for identified individual patients before distributing its compounded drugs, as required by section 503A(a) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, and FDA believes that the corrective actions can be appropriately overseen by the State. Therefore, FDA is referring this matter to the Pennsylvania State BOP for follow up to ensure appropriate corrective action is taken. Please notify us if you become aware of any adverse events or product quality concerns associated with drugs made at this facility, or if you observe any practices at this facility that concern you or that could be violations of Federal law.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on the oversight of compounding pharmacies. If you have additional questions, please contact Yvette I. Johnson, Compliance Officer by telephone at (215) 717-3077, or by email at Yvette.Johnson@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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