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Family Pharmacy has a new distinction

Staff Report

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Family Pharmacy says it is the first business in the region to earn the Pharmacy Accreditation Board's Seal of Accreditation. The seal is part of a new system of standards created by some of the nation's leading pharmacy organizations.

Compounding -- also called pharmaceutical compounding and compounding pharmacy -- is the mixing of drugs by a pharmacist, physician or veterinarian to fit the unique needs of a patient. It is often done for medically necessary reasons, such as the change of the medication from a solid pill to a liquid; to avoid a non-essential ingredient that a patient is allergic to; or to obtain the exact dose needed.

"With the high volume of prescriptions that are compounded each year, there has been a need for an enhanced, profession-wide system of standards by which each compounding pharmacy can test its quality processes," Family Pharmacy said in a statement.

To earn the accreditation, the business had to complete an extensive application, document its policies and provide an analysis of its quality procedures -- all of which was reviewed by the accreditation board.

The business is a family-owned compounding pharmacy that been operating in the region for 35 years. The company's owner and pharmacist is Mike Pass, who is a "Full Fellow of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists."

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