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<u>Partial Waiver of Requirements for Intern Pharmacist to Administer Immunizations</u> <u>Under Direct and Immediate Supervision of a Pharmacist in Response to COVID-19</u>

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgent necessity to ensure effective implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program in Nevada, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy has partially waived existing regulations requiring intern pharmacists to administer immunizations under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist. *See* NAC 639.2973 and NAC 639.2975.

This partial waiver is being issued in accordance with NAC 639.170.

Under this waiver, intern pharmacists with appropriate training may administer immunizations under the COVID-19 Vaccination Program under the indirect supervision of a pharmacist. "Indirect supervision" under this waiver means the pharmacist's presence is not required during the administration of an immunization under the COVID-19 Vaccination Program by an intern pharmacist, provided the pharmacist is immediately available for consultation and guidance. This will allow pharmacies to meet the increased demand for vaccine services and will be crucial to expanding the State's capacity to effectively implement the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

NOTE: The Board will not be approving policies, procedures, or technology solutions, but the pharmacy engaged in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program under this waiver should be able to justify how the policies, procedures, or technology meets the requirements of this waiver.

This waiver is in effect until July 20, 2022, unless further extended at a later date.

For questions regarding this partial waiver, please e-mail the Board office at pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov

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