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Partial Waiver of Dispensing Requirements in Response to COVID-19

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To reduce opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 during the current outbreak, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy has partially waived certain requirements for dispensing controlled substances or dangerous drugs to human and animal patients to permit socially-distanced methods of dispensing. *See* NAC 639.742-.7423. *See also* Guidance on Patient Counseling and Prescription Delivery in Response to COVID-19 issued March 20, 2020.

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

Dispensing to Human Patients

NAC 639.742 specifies the requirements for dispensing controlled substances or dangerous drugs to human patients. The requirement of NAC 639.742(3)(e) that “[n]o prescription is dispensed to a patient unless the dispensing practitioner is on-site at the facility” is waived. Additionally, the requirement of NAC 639.742(3)(f) that “[a]ll drugs are dispensed only to the patient personally at the facility” is also waived. This partial waiver is subject to the following requirements:

- The dispensing practitioner is registered pursuant to NRS 639.742;
- The prescription for the medication was authorized by that practitioner; and
- The practitioner authorized the dispensing technician to dispense the medication to the patient.

Dispensing to Animals

NAC 639.7423 specifies the requirements for dispensing controlled substances or dangerous drugs to animals. The requirement of NAC 639.7423(2)(d) that “a prescription drug which is new for an animal [shall not be] dispensed unless a veterinarian or veterinary technician is at the veterinary facility or *is otherwise available at the time the prescription drug is dispensed*” permits dispensing when the veterinarian or veterinary technician is not on site but available by phone.

This partial waiver is in effect until January 31, 2021.

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

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