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Partial Waiver of Pharmacist to Pharmaceutical Technician and Pharmaceutical Technician in Training Supervisory Ratio in Response to COVID-19

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In order to accommodate and anticipate pharmacist shortages in response to COVID-19, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy has partially waived the existing regulation pertaining to the ratio of pharmacists to pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training. *See* NAC 639.250.

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

Ratio of Pharmacists to Pharmaceutical Technicians and Pharmaceutical Technicians in Training

The ratio of pharmacists to pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training will be partially waived to permit a pharmacist to supervise up to a total of 6 pharmaceutical technicians or 4 pharmaceutical technicians and 2 pharmaceutical technicians in training at one time in any pharmacy setting in accordance with the following:

- There is documentation justifying the need for the ratio modification due to COVID-19.
- The pharmacist, pharmaceutical technician, and technician in training must be registered with the Board, either employed or a contract employee of a Nevada-licensed pharmacy.
- The pharmacy manager or pharmacist on duty, if a pharmacy manager is unavailable, in his/her professional judgment, must determine the ratio modification that is necessary for the pharmacy practice setting.
- The ratio may be modified in any pharmacy setting, including, without limitation, a pharmacy as defined in NRS 639.012, a remote site as defined in NRS 639.0151, or a hospital as defined in NRS 639.0074.
- The pharmacy must maintain a readily retrievable record, in compliance with record-keeping requirements for pharmacies, along with any State and Federal Laws, of the date(s) and time(s) when the ratio was modified and the names of the pharmacists, pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training working during that time period.



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NOTE: The Board will not be approving policies, procedures, or technology solutions, but the pharmacy modifying its ratio should be able to justify how the policies, procedures, or technology meets the requirements of this guidance.

This guidance is in effect until December 31, 2021.

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

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