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Advisory Regarding Dispensing Medications in Response to the Hawk Fire

In response to the ongoing Hawk Fire in Washoe County, NV and Governor Joe Lombardo's State of Nevada Emergency Declaration issued August 22th, 2026, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") is issuing an advisory regarding updated dispensing regulations to ensure the availability of necessary prescription medications for residents affected by this disaster.

We understand that the current situation may cause concern for those needing medications, especially if you have been evacuated from your home. Our primary goal with this waiver is to make sure that everyone has access to needed medications without having to return to potentially unsafe or inaccessible areas. Please visit any licensed pharmacy or your dispensing practitioner within Washoe County to fill your prescriptions or seek a temporary refill. Your safety is our top priority.

In accordance with [NAC 639.170](#), which permits the waiver of Board regulations during a declared emergency, and [NRS 639.23965](#), which allows for the dispensing of prescription medications in emergencies, the Board provides the following guidance:

1. **Waiver Authority:** The Board is implementing this waiver under its authority to respond to state or local emergencies affecting public health and safety.
2. **Applicability:** This waiver applies specifically to the dispensing of prescription medications to residents affected by the Hawk Fire in Washoe County.
3. **Dispensing Conditions:**
 - **Prescription Drugs:** Pharmacists or Dispensing Practitioners may dispense medications in excess of the quantity specified on the original prescription if:
 - The medication is necessary for the maintenance of life or the continuation of therapy for a chronic condition.
 - Dispensing a larger amount is essential to prevent interruption of therapy that could be detrimental to the patient's health.
 - **Documentation:** Pharmacists and Dispensing Practitioners must issue a written order for the dispensed medication, which will be considered equivalent to a prescription and must be maintained accordingly. They must notify the prescribing practitioner within 48 hours of issuing the order.
4. **Period of Waiver:** This partial waiver is effective immediately and will remain in effect until Governor Lombardo lifts the state of emergency.
5. **Compliance:** Pharmacists and Dispensing Practitioners are required to adhere to all federal and state record-keeping requirements, including those outlined in [NAC 639.750](#), and ensure that any dispensed medications comply with FDA regulations.

For more details on this waiver and how it may affect dispensing practices, please visit our website at bop.nv.gov or contact the Board office at pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov

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