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Guidance on Pharmacies Filling Prescriptions Under Declaration of Emergency Due to Caldor Fire

In response to the Federal and State declarations of emergency issued for the Caldor Fire, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy (Board) is providing this notice to pharmacists of a new provision in Chapter 639 of the Nevada Revised Statutes added by Assembly Bill 178 from the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session:

1. A pharmacist may, pursuant to a valid prescription that specifies an initial amount of less than a 30-day supply of a drug that is not a controlled substance listed in schedule II or periodic refills of an amount less than a 30-day supply of such a drug, dispense an amount of the drug that exceeds the amount authorized by the prescribing practitioner but does not exceed a 30-day supply of the drug if:

(a) The Governor or the Legislature has proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency or issues a declaration of disaster pursuant to NRS 414.070;

(b) The patient resides in the area to which the state of emergency or declaration of disaster applies;

(c) In the professional judgment of the pharmacist:

(1) The drug is necessary for the maintenance of life or the continuation of therapy for a chronic condition; and

(2) Interruption of therapy using the drug may be detrimental to the health of the patient or produce physical or mental discomfort.

2. A pharmacist who dispenses a drug pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

(a) Issue and sign a written order for the dispensing of the drug that contains the information described in subsection 2 of NRS 639.2353. The order must be maintained in the same manner as a prescription and shall be deemed to be equivalent to a prescription.

(b) Notify the prescribing practitioner not later than 48 hours after issuing the prescription.

NOTE: Pharmacists should exercise their professional judgment in determining whether a patient has a valid prescription. Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency for the Caldor Fire is available at:

https://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2021/Governor_Sisolak_Declares_State_of_Emergency_in_response_to_Caldor_Fire/