

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists

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As all of you are aware the majority of legislative and regulatory activity at both the State and Federal level have been focused on the COVID-19 public health emergency response. At the State level, NVSHP worked to assist the State Board of Pharmacy with putting together a regular status call for the Health System Directors of Pharmacy around the State. A variety of subjects are being discussed on these calls including emergency regulations, COVID treatment protocols, and practice variation throughout the State. The latest information on emergency regulations related to COVID-19 can be found at http://bop.nv.gov/resources/ALL/COVID-19_Information

NVSHP is also actively tracking federal legislation related to the COVID-19 response. ASHP, along with several other pharmacy organizations are actively lobbying members of Congress to include pharmacist provider status language in upcoming COVID related legislation. Provider status would provide a mechanism for pharmacists expand access to COVID testing and potential treatments by funding compensation for related clinical service. Additionally, provider status would allow pharmacists a mechanism to bill for telehealth services. These services would allow pharmacists to expand access to chronic disease state management while minimizing unnecessary contact with healthcare providers. NVSHP will alert our membership if opportunities for advocacy arise at either the State or Federal level.

