**Mandatory Education and PTCB Certification for**

**Nevada Pharmacy Technicians**

**Purpose:** To protect public health and safety of the citizens of Nevada by setting a mandatory education and certification standard for Pharmacy Technicians in order to improve the safety and efficiency of the medication use process.

**Pharmacy Technician defined**: The Nevada Society for Health Systems Pharmacist (NVSHP) supports the definition of a Pharmacy Technician only for those persons who are:

* 18 years and older
* A high school graduate or equivalent
* A graduate of an ASHP accredited Pharmaceutical Technician training program
* Nationally certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)
* Registered by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
* Practicing in the pharmaceutical setting authorized by the regulations set by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

**Education and Training:** In the interest of public health and human safety, The Nevada Society for Health Systems Pharmacist supports the model set by the American Society for Health Systems Pharmacist (ASHP), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), the Council on Credentialing Pharmacy (CCP), and in alignment with the vision statement for Pharmacy Practice in 2015 issued by the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP) to include: (1) mandatory education for all pharmacy technicians seeking registration in the state of Nevada and (2) graduation from an approved educational training program nationally accredited by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy. The program would exceed the minimum standards providing core knowledge, skills, and attitudes delivered through a process of both didactic instruction and practice-based learning experiences in a variety of pharmacy settings.

**Registration:** The Nevada Society for Health Systems Pharmacist in the interest of public health and human safety supports mandatory pharmacy technician registration. To advocate, with respect to registration (1) applicants must submit to a background check for interstate and intrastate tracking of the pharmacy technician work force (2) mandatory annual continuing education in Nevada law (3) mandatory 20 units of continuing education as required by PTCB to renew registration.

**Practice Activities**: The Nevada Society for Health Systems Pharmacist (NVSHP) recognized that an educated, credentialed pharmacy technician workforce can provide a variety of pharmacy support functions. NVSHP advocates for the expansion of technician roles to include any activity not requiring the clinical and professional judgment of a licensed pharmacist.

**Disciplinary and Reporting Activities**: In the interest of continued health, safety and human services to patients, the Nevada Society for Health Systems Pharmacist supports the mandatory reporting of all criminal activities resulting in the termination of a Nevada registered pharmacy technician from a Nevada licensed pharmaceutical practice setting to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy.