

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19230**

This legislation amends the pharmacy law regarding unlawful practice, Idaho Code 54-1721. The amendment will make it legal for public health district nurses licensed by the State of Idaho to label and deliver refills of certain prepackaged medications for preventive health services. The medications include prenatal vitamins, contraceptives, antibiotics for the treatment of tuberculosis, and antiviral medication for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections. The medications are prescribed by a clinician with prescribing authority including physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants; however, prescribing staff are not always available to label and deliver the medication to public health district clients. This code amendment will eliminate a cumbersome and expensive process of having clinician level staff travel to rural district offices for the purpose of labeling and delivering the medications when this step could be safely accomplished by licensed nurses. An independent review has estimated this statute change will save the public health districts, and therefore the taxpayers, at minimum, \$65,000 to \$100,000 in annual costs to provide pharmaceutical care to its constituents

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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