



## **Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacists**

Statement of support for HB-191

The Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacists (ISHP) is in full support of Idaho House Bill - HB191 which amends and adds to existing language that helps provide clarity towards the pharmacist's role in providing medications where there is patient need. Currently this includes such medications like naloxone and epinephrine kits that may be prescribed and administered in certain circumstances like opioid overdose or to enable a patient to have the medication available to help mitigate an allergic reaction.

Amending 54-1704 allows for broadening of the types of low-risk conditions pharmacists are able to assist clinicians with providing care to the residents of Idaho. House Bill 4, the Tobacco Cessation bill, which enables pharmacists to provide tobacco cessation products directly to patients, recently evidenced this. The language allows pharmacists to assist with bridging the gap between appointments should the provider not be available in an emergent situation. Pharmacists are in a unique position to provide this front line care. Language such as this also enables our profession to identify areas in which we can have impact and with working through the Board of Pharmacy and the Idaho Legislature create programs for pharmacists to facilitate timely access to low-risk drug therapies.

In conclusion, ISHP, as a representative of pharmacists across Idaho, supports House Bill – HB191, so that patients and caregivers can have timely access to approved therapies and help mitigate emergent situations.

Sincerely,

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