



February 20, 2024

Senator Melissa Wiklund
Chair, Health and Human Services
95 University Ave. W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2107
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Modifications to SF 1176 – Pharmacist Expanded Authority

Dear Chair Wiklund:

On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, I write to convey our support to SF 1176 with two modifications. These modifications have been previously discussed with MPA, MPhA, and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and all parties have previously agreed to the modifications.

1. In addition to the requirement that a pharmacy technician has completed a minimum of two hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education as part of the pharmacy technician's two-year continuing education schedule; the pharmacy technician has completed one of the training programs listed under Minnesota Rules, part 6800.3850, subpart 1h, item B; and direct supervision under this clause is provided in person and not through telehealth, as defined under section 62A.673, subdivision 2.

2. ~~(iii)~~ (ii) the pharmacist ~~utilizes~~ or pharmacist intern under the direct supervision of the pharmacist utilize the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection to assess the immunization status of individuals prior to the administration of vaccines, except when administering influenza vaccines to individuals age ~~nine~~ three and older;

Related to the second request, assessing the immunization status of an individual requires clinical judgement and is beyond the scope of the pharmacy technician duties.

Respectfully submitted,

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