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Ron Briel
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Attn: Credentialing Review
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Dear Mr. Briel:

On behalf of Walgreens, I am writing in support of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association's credentialing review of the Nebraska statutes relating to pharmacy technicians. Walgreens has 56 pharmacy locations in Nebraska.

Currently, pharmacy technicians are permitted to administer vaccines as directed by a pharmacist. This practice increases efficiency and access to vaccination. The current practice is expressly allowed under government waivers implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These waivers are set to expire in October of 2024 unless an end to the public health emergency is declared sooner. Failure to clarify that vaccine administration is allowed by pharmacy technicians will undermine the efficiencies and access achieved over the previous 24 months.

Walgreens strongly supports the credentialing review and the subsequent proposed changes to Nebraska statute which will allow a trained and supervised pharmacy technician to administer vaccines. Training includes a national certification requirement, certified training in vaccine administration, and basic life-support certification. The pharmacy technicians will be limited to intra-muscular injections in the arm of a person three years of age or older. The vaccines administered by a pharmacy technician will be reviewed and verified by the pharmacist on site.

During COVID we were honored to be a part of the historic COVID vaccination effort. Having the ability to continue to allow pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines will ensure we can continue to make vaccines more accessible to all Nebraska residents.

Sincerely,

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