

HB195: Pharmacists' Prescriptive Authority

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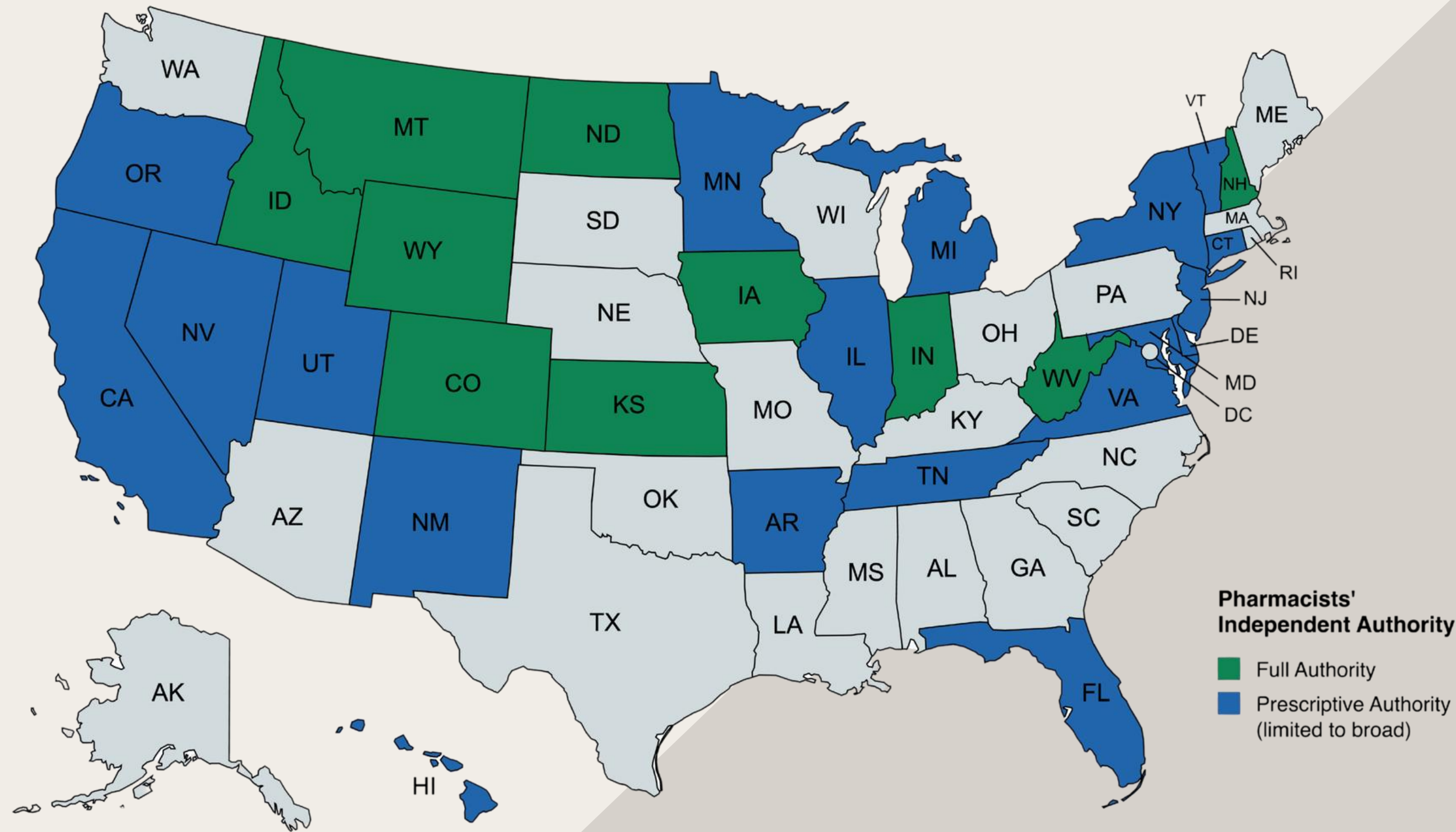
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PHARMACISTS' PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY ACROSS THE U.S.

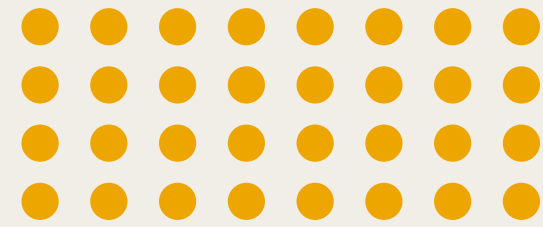
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“In the years since this authority was implemented, Idaho has had no patient safety incidents involving pharmacists practicing outside of their scope or related to their prescribing practices.” - **Bureau Chief of Health Professions, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses**



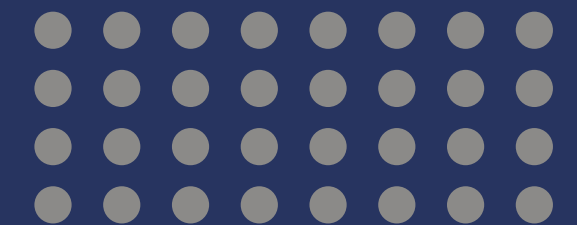
Aligns with Federally Established Models of Care: Veteran's Administration, Indian Health Services, Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act, Public Readiness Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act

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Education and Training of Pharmacists

- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree required from accredited institution
- 4 Years; >1740 Hours of Experiential Education; Patient assessment, Diagnosis, Pharmacotherapy, Dispensing, **Prescribing & Administration of Medications**
- Rigorous clinical competency and assessment standards
- Mandatory continuing education requirements





UAA/ISU Doctor of Pharmacy Program

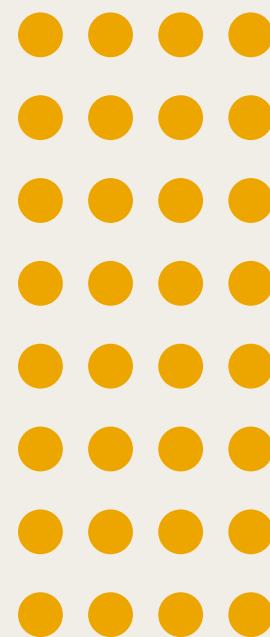
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“I am particularly passionate about practicing in Alaska, where geographic barriers, workforce shortages, and health disparities make expanded pharmacist roles essential, especially for Alaska Native and rural communities.” Joanne Mae Cabag, Anchorage

“I decided to pursue a career in pharmacy, because I am passionate about helping people in my community.” Kailey Mitchell, Wasilla

“I want to be a clinical pharmacist, go back to Fairbanks and serve my community.” Kaitlyn Gray, Fairbanks



> 10 Years of Growing our Own

> Top 5 in the Country

> 60 Graduates as of May 2026



Innovative Care Models & Future Opportunities

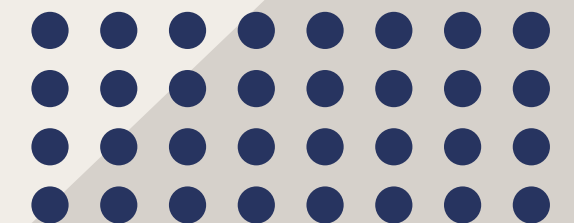
HB 195 empowers pharmacists to expand patient care services within their education, training, and experience, improving access and health outcomes across Alaska.

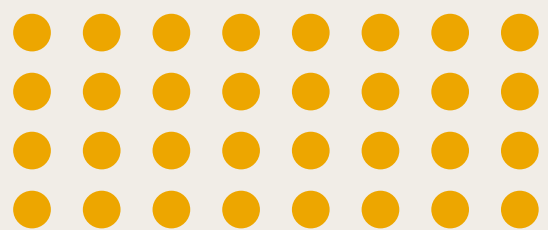
Rural Health Transformation
Program (RHTP)

Improved patient outcomes
through timely interventions

Expanded access to care in rural
and remote areas

Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)
for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)





Department of Law Opinion on HB195

1. Under current Alaska law, can abortion — including medication abortion — lawfully take place in a community pharmacy setting?

The short answer is no. AS 18.16.010 provides that:

(a) An abortion may not be performed in this state unless

(1) the abortion is performed by a physician licensed by the State Medical Board under AS 08.64.200;

(2) the abortion is performed in a hospital or other facility approved for the purpose by the Department of Health or a hospital operated by the federal government or an agency of the federal government;

AS 18.16.090 includes medication induced abortion in the definition of “abortion.”

AS 18.16.010(a)(1) prohibits pharmacists from dispensing medications for abortions. And although AS 18.16.010(a)(2) requires that abortions be performed in a hospital or other facility approved by DoH, there are in reality few medical institutions—and zero community pharmacies—in Alaska that are authorized to do so under that section.

2. If pharmacists were granted limited prescriptive authority under HB 195, would that change any legal requirement — such as facility or provider requirements under AS 18.16.010(a)(1) and AS 18.16.090 — governing where and by whom medication abortion may be provided?

No. Neither HB 195 nor SB 147 propose any amendments to AS 18.16. Nor does either bill create a conflict with the language of AS 18.16. Instead, both bills would simply provide pharmacists the ability to provide limited patient services within the scope of their training and experience, and abortion will remain within the scope and purview of physicians (and, if the court injunction is upheld, APCs) under AS 18.16.010(a)(1).

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