

# Senate Bill 147:

## Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority Patient Care Services/Standard of Care

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# ALASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY

## 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Alaska Board of Pharmacy endeavors to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES	GOALS	STRATEGIES
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 <p>COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>1. Engage in effective communication and promote transparency of public information.</p>	<p>1.1 Improve customer service by providing timely and informative updates to applicants and licensees.</p> <p>1.2 Maximize communication channels through the Board of Pharmacy website and List Service.</p> <p>1.3 Maintain accuracy of website content and ensure accessibility of up-to-date resources.</p>
 <p>ADMINISTRATION</p>	<p>2. Adhere to and strive for improved organizational efficiencies without compromising quality of record keeping.</p>	<p>2.1 Avoid delays in application processing by maintaining adequate staffing and exploring flexible retention strategies.</p> <p>2.2 Maintain a proactive approach to licensing by consulting historical knowledge, researching national trends, and encouraging innovation in the planning process.</p> <p>2.3 Automate initial licensure through online applications.</p> <p>2.4 Exercise fiscal discipline through effective budget management.</p> <p>2.5 Embrace innovation by exploring integration and/or delegation opportunities to support core administration functions.</p>
 <p>LICENSURE</p>	<p>3. Ensure competency and qualifications prior to licensure and renewal.</p>	<p>3.1 Adhere to established licensing standards by reviewing education, experience, and examination requirements.</p> <p>3.2 Take a proactive approach to application and form revision subsequent to regulation changes.</p> <p>3.3 Ensure a 14 day or less processing time for licensee applications, and a 30 day or less licensing time for facility applications.</p>
 <p>REGULATION &amp; ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>4. Grow the economy while promoting community health and safety.</p>	<p>4.1 Routinely review effectiveness of regulations that reduce barriers to licensure without compromising patient health and safety.</p> <p>4.2 Combat the opioid crisis by effective administration of the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), including collaboration with providers and key stakeholders.</p> <p>4.3 Advocate for legislation addressing access to pharmacies as the pharmacy profession evolves and new opportunities for improved patient safety arise.</p> <p>4.4 Anticipate changes to the Drug Supply Chain Security Act and respond proactively. Address changes to compounding.</p>

**For more information, please visit the following resources:**

Board of Pharmacy Homepage: [pharmacy.alaska.gov](https://pharmacy.alaska.gov)  
 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP): [pdmp.alaska.gov](https://pdmp.alaska.gov)

Email: [boardofpharmacy@alaska.gov](mailto:boardofpharmacy@alaska.gov)  
 Phone: 907-465-1073

# Background of SB 147

- Result of multi-year, multi-chair Board of Pharmacy review of statutes and regulations to align Alaska pharmacists' license authority with their education, training, and experience to increase access to care.
  - HB 145 (2021-2022)
    - New statute added for “other patient care services”
    - Clarifications needed
- SB 147 addresses changes by:
  - Increasing access to care
  - Incorporating established models of care
  - Encouraging interdisciplinary engagement
- Collaborative effort between the Alaska Board of Pharmacy and the Alaska Pharmacy Association

# Safe Access with Interdisciplinary Engagement



Pharmacists are readily accessible, including in rural communities



Allows healthcare practitioners to practice at the top of their education, training, and experience



“A pharmacist prescribing or administering a drug or device under this section shall recognize the limits of the pharmacist's education, training, and experience and consult with and refer to other practitioners as appropriate”



Pharmacists serve as part of the healthcare team to ensure access to safe care in Alaska

# Incorporates Established Models of Care

## Standard of Care Model

Care provided within scope of pharmacists' education, training, and experience.

Patient safety maintained by measuring practitioners within the same practice setting

## Federal Legislation

Public Readiness and  
Emergency Preparedness  
(PREP) act

Mainstreaming Addiction  
Treatment (MAT) Act

Aligns with Federal models  
including care provided in the  
Veterans Health Administration

# Support

## **The Board of Pharmacy respectfully requests your support of SB 147, aligning with our Mission and Strategic Plan**

- To further promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy.
- To promote community health and safety while growing Alaska's economy.

