



# Alaska Pharmacists Association

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Senator Cathy Giessel  
Alaska State Capitol, Rm 427  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 71 Collaborative Practice Question

Dear Senator Giessel,

During the last hearing on SB 71 a question was raised regarding the costs for pharmacists/pharmacies for the collaborative practices agreements with prescribers (i.e. Physicians and Nurse Practitioners). While we have no set numbers from our membership, partially due to business confidentiality, we did receive input regarding this question. The responses ranged from no monetary charge because of pharmacist/provider relationship to rates ranging from \$50 to \$500 per prescriber. It is our understanding that it often depends on the number of pharmacists covered under the agreement. For example, if a chain store had 21 pharmacists under an agreement the prescriber may charge a fee for each time the pharmacist had to access the prescriber because of the time commitment involved.

All our responses indicated that gathering and submitting the required paperwork required a large time commitment and as we all know time is money! Additionally, delays in paperwork processing were also noted since the Board of Pharmacy only meets a few times a year to sign off on the agreements.

I hope this helps clarify the question raised. Unfortunately, at this time there is no standard rate associated with the agreements.

Sincerely,

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