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Prescription Medications during COVID-19

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To promote patient access to needed prescription medications during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy is providing the following guidance on the existing authority that allow for a practitioner to issue, and a pharmacist to dispense, controlled substance prescriptions for up to a 180-day supply, and all other prescriptions for up to a 1-year supply. Please keep in mind that your insurance company may not cover more than a 30-day supply and the pharmacy may not have more than a 30-day supply at a given time.

The day supply on any prescription and the frequency of follow-up visits is established between a practitioner and a patient. A pharmacist may fill a prescription as specified by the practitioner.

Here are some common questions and answers regarding prescriptions:

- **Question 1**: "With respect to Scheduled IV prescriptions, is there any way to allow a pharmacy to dispense a 90-day supply of the prescription compared to every 30 days?"
  Answer 1: Yes. A pharmacist may dispense a 90-day supply for *any* prescription drug so long as it is authorized by the practitioner.

- **Question 2**: "Does the law require patients to visit with their doctors every 90 days to secure their refill of prescriptions?"
  Answer 2: No. The frequency of follow-up visits is established between a practitioner and the patient. The law does NOT require a patient to visit their practitioner every 90 days for refill of the prescription. The law does require a bona fide relationship to exist between a patient and a practitioner. This means that the patient needs to be examined by the practitioner sometime within the 6 months immediately preceding the date of the prescription. This examination can be done in person or through telehealth. Please discuss your options with your practitioner.

For questions regarding this guidance please e-mail the Board office at pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov.

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