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Colorado Pharmacists Society Applauds Colorado Board of Pharmacy for Expanding Vaccine Access Through Emergency Rules

Denver, CO – The Colorado Pharmacists Society (CPS) applauds the Colorado Board of Pharmacy for its leadership and swift action in passing emergency rules that broaden pharmacists' authority to prescribe and administer vaccines. These rules, which take effect today, ensure that Coloradans continue to have access to the life-saving vaccines they need through their trusted pharmacy professionals.

"Pharmacists are among the most accessible healthcare providers in Colorado, and they are certified immunizers who receive extensive training to safely and effectively provide vaccines," said Sara Wettergreen, PharmD, President of CPS. "By ensuring pharmacists' ability to prescribe and administer vaccines, the Board has strengthened the public health infrastructure and removed barriers caused by shifting federal policies."

"CPS was proud to collaborate closely with the Board of Pharmacy on crafting the emergency rules adopted today. The new rules reaffirm the essential role pharmacists play in safeguarding community health," said Emily Zadvorny, PharmD, CEO of CPS. The newly adopted rules will restore and enhance patient access to vaccines and streamline the delivery of preventive care in communities across the state.

CPS extends its gratitude to the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Board of Pharmacy for their expediency in addressing this urgent issue. Their collaboration and responsiveness demonstrate a shared dedication to ensuring that patients can continue to rely on pharmacists for convenient, trusted, and timely access to vaccines.

"CPS remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting public health, advancing patient care, and advocating for the pharmacy professionals who deliver these critical healthcare services," added Zadvorny.

More information about the revised rules can be found at <u>Vaccination Rules Updated at</u> Emergency Hearing

About the Colorado Pharmacists Society

The Colorado Pharmacists Society is the only statewide professional association representing pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists across all practice settings. CPS is committed to supporting its members through advocacy, education, and practice advancement, with the goal of improving patient care and strengthening Colorado's healthcare system.

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