



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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## **Partial Waiver of Requirements for Dispensing Hydroxychloroquine in Response to COVID-19**

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In order to anticipate the increased demand on the health care system, reduce opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19, and ensure emergency room or hospital patients diagnosed with COVID-19 access to hydroxychloroquine upon discharge, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy is providing the following guidance and partial waiver on the existing authority of a practitioner in charge of an emergency room to dispense hydroxychloroquine medication in conformance with the Board's emergency regulation adopted March 23, 2020. *See* NAC 639.750.

This partial waiver is being issued in accordance with NAC 639.170.

A practitioner in charge of an emergency room may dispense hydroxychloroquine to a COVID-19 diagnosed patient to treat and/or complete a course of treatment to the extent the services of a local retail pharmacy are not available due to the restrictions imposed pursuant to the Board's emergency regulation adopted March 23, 2020. The practitioner must do so in accordance with the following requirements:

- The practitioner must make a determination that there is a medical necessity for hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of a COVID-19 diagnosed patient;
- Licensed pharmacists and pharmacy technician located inside the hospital may assist in the preparation of the medication, but the practitioner must dispense and counsel the patient regarding the medication;
- The practitioner only dispenses the medication in an amount sufficient to adequately treat the patient and in conformance with any FDA requirements; and
- The practitioner must comply with all Federal and State record-keeping requirements, including, without limitation, NAC 639.750.

**NOTE:** The Board will not be approving policies, procedures, or technology solutions, but the Nevada licensed hospital should be able to justify how the policies, procedures, or technology meets the requirements of this guidance and partial waiver.

This guidance and partial waiver is in effect until July 23, 2020.

For questions regarding this guidance and partial waiver, please e-mail the Board office at [pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov](mailto:pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov)

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