

Pharmacy Practice Act

House File 555



A NEED FOR UPDATE

- Pharmacist education and training has transformed drastically since the Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act's last major update nearly 40 years ago, including doctoral level PharmD training since the 1990s.
- Unlike other health care practice acts in Iowa, the Pharmacy Practice Act strictly regulates the drug supply chain, the physical pharmacy location, AND the individual pharmacist.
- Pharmacists are the only health care professional with bright-line legislation governing their professional practice. Updating the practice act will give Iowans access not only to the pharmacist, but to their full training and education.
- Pharmacists provide clinical services in a variety of practice settings. Decoupling clinical activities from the pharmaceutical supply chain allows for patient- and practice-specific decision making.



CUT RED TAPE ON PHARMACISTS' ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS

- The current Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act is over 28 pages. The modernized draft is only 17.
- Other jurisdictions, including Idaho and Colorado, have modernized pharmacy practice to allow pharmacists to practice at the top of their training.¹ IPA's modernized draft includes language from Idaho.
- Pharmacists stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic through regulatory flexibilities, allowing for a range of patient care services in various practice settings.²
- Cutting red tape on the individual pharmacist as a health care professional facilitates efficient decision making and closes the gap in access to patient care services.



MAXIMIZE IOWA'S HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

- Nearly 9 of every 10 Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy, making pharmacists the most accessible member of the healthcare team.³
- Updating the Pharmacy Practice Act will attract talented professionals to Iowa, create efficiencies across practice settings, and allow pharmacists to meet patient needs close to home.

1. Idaho Leg. Code ch. 17, § 54-1701 – Pharmacy Practice Act

2. "Essential services: Quantifying the contributions of America's pharmacists in COVID-19 clinical interventions" by John D. Grabenstein, *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA)*

3. "Pharmacies - The Face of Neighborhood Healthcare Since Well Before the Pandemic," National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation