

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

LCB File No. R197-24

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1, 4 and 5, NRS 453.221, 639.070 and 639.2177; § 2, NRS 639.070 and 639.170; § 3, NRS 639.070 and 639.0727.

A REGULATION relating to pharmacy; eliminating certain definitions; revising certain terminology; imposing certain requirements on a facility for treatment with narcotics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations relating to the registration and control of the dispensing of controlled substances in Nevada. (NRS 453.221) Existing law further authorizes the Board to adopt regulations that: (1) are necessary for the protection of the public relating to the practice of pharmacy; (2) authorize the Executive Secretary of the Board to issue certificates, licenses and permits required for the practice of pharmacy or for the dispensing of controlled substances; and (3) govern the dispensing of poisons, drugs, chemicals and medicines. (NRS 639.070) Existing regulations require a facility for treatment with narcotics to: (1) be licensed by the Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division of the Nevada Health Authority; and (2) obtain a license from the Board to administer opioid agonist treatment medication. (NAC 449.15445, section 1 of LCB File No. R196-22) **Sections 2 and 4** of this regulation make nonsubstantive revisions to provide that the license issued by the Board is to administer a facility for treatment with narcotics rather than to administer opioid agonist treatment medication. **Section 4** requires an applicant for a license to administer a facility for treatment with narcotics to be registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice as a narcotic treatment program. **Section 4** authorizes a facility for treatment with narcotics to administer or dispense certain controlled substances to a person who is dependent on opioids, but prohibits a facility for treatment with narcotics from prescribing controlled substances or dangerous drugs. **Section 4** requires a facility for treatment with narcotics to employ a medical director and requires the medical director to possess certain qualifications. **Section 4** requires a facility for treatment with narcotics to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. **Section 1** of this regulation: (1) removes a reference to a definition in federal regulations that no longer exists; and (2) updates an internal reference to a section of the Nevada Revised Statutes that was amended

during the 2025 Legislative Session. **Section 3** of this regulation eliminates a duplicative definition.

Section 1. NAC 639.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Automated drug dispensing system” means a system that performs operations, other than compounding or administration, related to the storage and dispensing of drugs.
2. “Board” means the State Board of Pharmacy.
3. “Controlled substance” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 0.031.
4. “Dangerous drug” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 454.201.
5. “Direct supervision” means the direction given by a supervising pharmacist or dispensing practitioner who is:

- (a) On the premises of the pharmacy or telepharmacy at all times when the person he or she is supervising is working at the pharmacy or telepharmacy or at a remote site or satellite consultation site; and
- (b) Aware of the activities of that person related to the preparation and dispensing of medications, including the maintenance of appropriate records.

6. “Dispensing practitioner” means:

- (a) A practitioner to whom the Board has issued a certificate of registration pursuant to NAC 639.742 to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, for human consumption;
- (b) A licensed veterinarian to whom the Board has issued a certificate of registration pursuant to NAC 639.7423 to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, not for human consumption; or

(c) A registered nurse to whom the Board has issued a certificate of registration pursuant to section 1 of LCB File No. R013-24 to dispense dangerous drugs for human consumption.

7. “Dispensing technician” means a person who performs technical services in a pharmacy under the direct supervision of a dispensing practitioner and is registered with the Board pursuant to NAC 639.7425.

8. “Dispensing technician in training” means a person who is registered with the Board pursuant to NAC 639.7424 in order to obtain the training and experience required to be a dispensing technician pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NAC 639.7425.

9. “Executive Secretary” means the Executive Secretary employed by the Board pursuant to NRS 639.040.

10. “Facility for treatment with narcotics” has the meaning ascribed to it in NAC 449.1542.

11. “Federally-qualified health center” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B).

12. “Federally-qualified health center vehicle” means a vehicle that meets the requirements of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 639.7422.

13. “Licensed veterinarian” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 638.007.

14. “Oncology group practice” means two or more dispensing practitioners who practice oncology in a group practice.

15. ~~“Opioid agonist treatment medication” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 C.F.R. §~~

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~~16.~~ “Pharmaceutical technician” means a person who performs technical services in a pharmacy under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and is registered with the Board pursuant to NAC 639.240.

~~17.~~ **16.** “Pharmaceutical technician in training” means a person who is registered with the Board pursuant to NAC 639.242 in order to obtain the training and experience required to be a pharmaceutical technician pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NAC 639.240, or who is enrolled in a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians that is approved by the Board.

~~18.~~ **17.** “Practitioner” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 639.0125.

~~19.~~ **18.** “Prescription drug” means a drug or medicine as defined in NRS 639.007 which:

- (a) May be dispensed only upon a prescription order that is issued by a practitioner; and
- (b) Is labeled with the symbol “Rx only” pursuant to federal law or regulation.

~~20.~~ **19.** “Public or nonprofit agency” means a health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 254b(a) which:

- (a) Provides health care primarily to medically underserved persons in a community;
- (b) Is receiving a grant issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 254b or, although qualified to receive such a grant directly from the Federal Government, is receiving money from such a grant under a contract with the recipient of that grant; and
- (c) Is not a medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151.

~~21.~~ **20.** “Reproductive healthcare center” means a health facility owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation or a public health center, as defined in subsection ~~18~~ 9 of NRS 449.260, *as amended by section 225 of Senate Bill No. 494, chapter 514, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page*

3718, principally engaged in providing family planning services and reproductive healthcare, including, without limitation, the testing, diagnosis and treatment of, or providing of medication to prevent, a sexually transmitted infection or other infection of the urogenital system.

[22.] 21. “Surgical center for ambulatory patients” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.019.

[23.] 22. “User-based access technology” means software or hardware that restricts access to an automated drug dispensing system to authorized users by requiring two-factor authentication. Authentication factors may include, without limitation, knowledge, hardware tokens or biometric information.

Sec. 2. NAC 639.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.220 1. The Board hereby adopts the following schedule of fees:

For the examination of an applicant for registration as a pharmacist	Actual cost of the examination
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For the investigation or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist.....	\$200
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For the investigation, examination or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist by reciprocity.....	200
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For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct a retail pharmacy	500
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For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a retail pharmacy	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	500
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct a pharmacy in a correctional institution	500
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a pharmacy in a correctional institution	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct a pharmacy in a recovery center or ambulatory surgical center licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS	500
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a pharmacy in a recovery center or ambulatory surgical center licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS	500
For the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist.....	50
For the biennial renewal of registration as a registered pharmacist.....	200
For the reinstatement of a lapsed registration (in addition to the fees for renewal for the period of lapse).....	100

For the initial registration of a pharmaceutical technician, pharmaceutical technician in training, dispensing technician or dispensing technician in training.....	50
For the biennial renewal of registration of a pharmaceutical technician, pharmaceutical technician in training, dispensing technician or dispensing technician in training	50
For the investigation or registration of an intern pharmacist	40
For the biennial renewal of registration as an intern pharmacist	40
For the investigation or registration of an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant to prescribe drugs that are not controlled substances	80
For the biennial renewal of registration of an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant to prescribe drugs that are not controlled substances	80
For authorization of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, euthanasia technician, researcher, instructional user or any other authorized person, except a practitioner who is a medical intern or resident physician, to prescribe or possess controlled substances	200

For the biennial renewal of authorization of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, euthanasia technician, researcher, instructional user or any other authorized person, except a practitioner who is a medical intern or resident physician, to prescribe or possess controlled substances.....	200
For authorization of a certified registered nurse anesthetist to order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 632.2397	200
For biennial renewal of authorization of a certified registered nurse anesthetist to order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 632.2397	200
For authorization of a practitioner who is a medical intern or resident physician to prescribe or possess controlled substances	80
For the biennial renewal of authorization of a practitioner who is a medical intern or resident physician to prescribe or possess controlled substances	80
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to engage in business as an authorized warehouse or medical products provider	500

For the biennial renewal of a license to engage in business as an authorized warehouse or medical products provider.....	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to a manufacturer or wholesaler.....	1,000
For the biennial renewal of a license for a manufacturer or wholesaler	1,000
For the reissuance of a license issued to a pharmacy, when no change of ownership is involved, but the license must be reissued because of a change in the information required thereon.....	50
For authorization of a practitioner, other than a licensed veterinarian, to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, for human consumption for each location where the practitioner will dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, for human consumption.....	300
For the biennial renewal of authorization of a practitioner, other than a licensed veterinarian, to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, for human consumption for each location where the practitioner will dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, for human consumption.....	300
For authorization of a licensed veterinarian to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, not for human consumption.....	150

For the biennial renewal of authorization of a licensed veterinarian to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both, not for human consumption.....	150
For authorization of a registered nurse to dispense dangerous drugs for human consumption while engaged in the performance of a public health program approved by the Board	300
For the biennial renewal of authorization of a registered nurse to dispense dangerous drugs for human consumption while engaged in the performance of a public health program approved by the Board	300
For the investigation or issuance of an original license for an automated drug dispensing system.....	500
For the biennial renewal of a license for an automated drug dispensing system	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to a pharmacy authorizing the use of a mechanical device to furnish drugs and medications for administration to patients at a medical facility	250
For the biennial renewal of a license to a pharmacy authorizing the use of a mechanical device to furnish drugs and medications for administration to patients at a medical facility	250

For the investigation or issuance of an original license for a facility for treatment with narcotics ~~[to administer opioid agonist treatment medication]~~ 80

For the biennial renewal of a license for a facility for treatment with narcotics ~~[to administer opioid agonist treatment medication]~~ 80

2. The penalty for failure to pay the renewal fee for any license, permit or certificate within the statutory period, as provided in subsection 6 of NRS 639.170, is 50 percent of the renewal fee for each period of delinquency in addition to the renewal fee for each period of delinquency.

3. Any person who has been registered as a pharmacist in this State for at least 50 years is not required to pay the fee for the biennial renewal of a certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist.

4. The provisions of this section concerning the fee for the biennial renewal of the authorization to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs do not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who is required to pay a fee pursuant to NAC 639.870.

5. A practitioner employed by or serving as an independent contractor of a health center:

- (a) Which is a federally-qualified health center that provides health care primarily to medically underserved persons in a community; and
- (b) Which is not a medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151,
 - is not required to pay a fee to the Board for a change of address or for an additional address at which the practitioner dispenses drugs.

6. A practitioner who is exempt from the payment of a fee pursuant to subsection 5 shall notify the Board in writing of each change of address or additional address, or both.

7. In addition to any other fees paid by an applicant for a certificate, license or permit issued pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS, the Board may require that the applicant pay the actual costs of inspection incurred by the Board.

Sec. 3. NAC 639.719 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.719 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, one or more dispensing practitioners practicing at a reproductive healthcare center may use an automated drug dispensing system and maintain a shared inventory in the automated drug dispensing system to dispense a prescription drug to a patient if the reproductive healthcare center obtains a license from the Board for the automated drug dispensing system pursuant to subsection 2.

2. The Board will provide an application for a license for an automated drug dispensing system to a reproductive healthcare center upon request. The Board will issue a license for an automated drug dispensing system if the Board determines that the system dispenses prescription drugs accurately and otherwise meets the requirements of this section and the fee prescribed by NAC 639.220 is paid. A license must be:

- (a) Issued for each automated drug dispensing system at a reproductive healthcare center; and
- (b) Posted on the system so that the license is visible to the public.

3. The automated drug dispensing system must conform to all the following provisions:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, the system must contain only dangerous drugs, excluding compound drug products, for treatment in reproductive health care:

- (1) Approved for use in the system by a dispensing practitioner; and

(2) For which the prescription has been processed, verified and completed in the same manner as a prescription for drugs that are delivered manually by a dispensing practitioner pursuant to NAC 639.742 and 639.745, except that the requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 3 of NAC 639.742 do not apply.

(b) The system must:

(1) Control and track access to the system for stocking, cleaning, maintenance or any other purpose to ensure that access to the system can be obtained only by a dispensing practitioner practicing at the reproductive healthcare center.

(2) Be secure from unauthorized access to and removal of prescription drugs.

(3) Be owned or leased by the reproductive healthcare center that obtained the license for the system and operated under the supervision and control of that reproductive healthcare center.

(4) Monitor the temperature of the system or be able to have a device installed to monitor the temperature of the system. Such monitoring must include, without limitation, an alarm that records when the temperature of the system reaches a level outside the range compatible with the proper storage of a prescription drug and a method to notify the reproductive healthcare center of the temperature change.

(5) Create and maintain a complete, accurate and readily retrievable record of all transactions. The record must include, without limitation:

(I) The name, strength, quantity and form of dosage of each prescription drug stocked, inventoried, removed or dispensed from the system;

(II) Each day and time the system is accessed;

(III) An inventory of the prescription drugs stored in the system; and

(IV) The identity of each person who accesses the system.

(6) Authorize access only to patients who have previously indicated to the dispensing practitioner who prescribed the drug their desire to have their prescription drugs dispensed by the system.

(7) Provide a method to identify the patient and dispense a prescription drug only to the patient or to an authorized agent of the patient.

(8) Dispense one, any combination or all of the prescription drugs available to a patient at the option of the patient at the time that the patient removes the prescription drugs from the system.

(9) Record the date and time that the patient removes the prescription drugs from the system.

(10) Inform a patient:

(I) If the patient is using the system at the time that the reproductive healthcare center is open, that the patient may discuss questions and concerns regarding the prescription drug with the dispensing practitioner in person, if available, or through user-based access technology described in subparagraph (13).

(II) If the patient is using the system at the time that the reproductive healthcare center is closed, that the patient may discuss questions and concerns regarding the prescription drug through the user-based access technology described in subparagraph (13).

(III) That the patient may choose not to purchase the prescription drug from the system at any time before the system dispenses the prescription drug.

(11) Dispense all prescription drugs in containers labeled in conformance with NRS 639.2801.

(12) Be installed in such a place and manner that a person is unable to remove the system from its location or obtain access to the system without authorization. The system must be monitored by real-time audio-visual technology or audio-visual recording technology.

(13) Be equipped with user-based access technology that includes, without limitation, an audio-visual function that allows the patient to communicate, in real time, with a dispensing practitioner who has access to any patient record necessary for counseling the patient in compliance with NAC 639.707 and 639.708.

4. A reproductive healthcare center that dispenses prescription drugs by an automated drug dispensing system pursuant to this section shall maintain a written policy that sets forth:

(a) The duties of all persons who are authorized to access the system; and

(b) The procedures for:

(1) Maintaining the security of the prescription drugs stored in the system during the maintenance and repair of the system;

(2) The preparation of an inventory of the prescription drugs stored in the system; and

(3) Stocking the system with prescription drugs.

5. A dispensing practitioner practicing at a reproductive healthcare center that dispenses prescription drugs through an automated drug dispensing system pursuant to this section shall comply with all applicable federal and state recordkeeping requirements and shall maintain those records in a readily retrievable manner separate from other medical records.

6. Prescription drugs stored in an automated drug dispensing system pursuant to this section shall be deemed part of the inventory and the responsibility of each dispensing practitioner that uses the automated drug dispensing system at the reproductive healthcare center that holds the license for the system. Prescription drugs dispensed from the system shall be deemed to have been dispensed by that dispensing practitioner or those dispensing practitioners, as applicable.

7. The Board may prohibit a reproductive healthcare center from using an automated drug dispensing system to furnish a prescription drug to a patient if the Board determines that the system, or one or more dispensing practitioners' use of the system, does not comply with this section.

8. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the use of an automated drug dispensing system to furnish a drug or device that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for sale over the counter without a prescription if the reproductive healthcare center using the system is otherwise authorized to use the system pursuant to this section.

~~9. As used in this section, "reproductive healthcare center" means a health care facility that is:~~

- ~~—(a) Owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation or a public health center, as defined in subsection 8 of NRS 449.260; and~~
- ~~—(b) Principally engaged in providing family planning services and reproductive health care, including, without limitation, the testing, diagnosis and treatment of, or providing of medication to prevent sexually transmitted infections or other infections of the urogenital system.]~~

Sec. 4. Section 1 of LCB File No. R196-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 1. A person or public or private facility shall not operate or provide the services of a facility for treatment with narcotics unless the person or facility holds a license ~~to administer opioid agonist treatment medication~~ issued by the Board pursuant to this section.

2. A person or public or private facility may apply to the Board for a license ~~to administer opioid agonist treatment medication~~ by submitting an application to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board. The Board shall issue such a license if the applicant meets the requirements sets forth in subsection 3 and pays the fee required by NAC 639.220.

3. An applicant for a license pursuant to subsection 2 must:

(a) Be certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 8.11;

(b) Hold a license issued by the Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division of the Nevada Health Authority pursuant to NAC 449.154 to 449.15485, inclusive, to operate a facility for treatment with narcotics;

(c) Be certified by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of ~~Health and~~ Human Services pursuant to NRS 458.025; and

(d) ~~Ensure that each practitioner who dispenses opioid agonist treatment medication at the facility is~~ Be registered with ~~the Board pursuant to NRS 453.231 and~~ the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice ~~to dispense controlled substances.~~ as a narcotic treatment program, as defined in 21 C.F.R. § 1300.01.

4. Any license issued pursuant to this section is a revocable privilege and a holder of such a license does not acquire any vested right in such a license.

5. ~~Each dispensing practitioner practicing at a~~ *A facility for treatment with narcotics may administer or dispense a controlled substance listed in schedule II or III that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as an opioid agonist treatment to a person who is dependent on opioids for use in the maintenance or detoxification treatment of the person. A facility for treatment with narcotics shall not prescribe a controlled substance or dangerous drug.*

6. *A facility for treatment with narcotics shall:*

(a) Employ a medical director who must be:

(1) A physician who is licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, as applicable;
(2) Registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231; and
(3) Registered as a dispensing practitioner pursuant to NAC 639.742; and

(b) Notify the Board before changing the medical director of the facility.

7. *A facility for treatment with narcotics shall ~~to~~ :*

(a) To the extent required by 42 C.F.R. § 2.36, obtain informed consent for the reporting of information to the computerized program to track prescriptions for controlled substances established pursuant to NRS 453.162 ~~H~~; and

(b) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, without limitation, 21 U.S.C. §§ 801 to 904, inclusive, 21 C.F.R. Chapter II and 42 C.F.R. Part 8.

***8. For purposes of this section, “medical director” has the meaning ascribed to it in
42 C.F.R. § 8.2.***

Sec. 5. This regulation is hereby amended by adding thereto the following transitory language which has the force and effect of law but which will not be codified in the Nevada Administrative Code:

A license to administer opioid agonist treatment medication issued pursuant to section 1 of LCB File No. R196-22 before the effective date of this regulation shall be deemed to be a license to operate a facility for treatment with narcotics issued pursuant to section 1 of LCB File No. R196-22, as amended by section 3 of this regulation, and remains valid until the date on which the license would otherwise expire.