

August 4, 2016

David E. Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
2310 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

RE: Proposed West Virginia Board of Pharmacy Rule 15-01, Licensure and Practice of Pharmacy

Dear Executive Director Potters:

As a leader in the pharmacy industry and an advocate for the delivery of quality pharmaceutical care, CVS Health appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of the proposed West Virginia Board of Pharmacy (Board) Rule 15-01, Licensure and Practice of Pharmacy specific to subsection 15-1-14.7.5.

This innovative approach to pharmaceutical care, if promulgated, empowers patients to designate a specific delivery location in which to receive their prescription medications based on individual preference and need. Granting patients this necessary increase in personal autonomy over medication delivery, affords them an opportunity to play an increased role in managing their overall medication therapy management. Further, CVS Health believes allowing medications to be delivered to a location designated by the patient include, but are not limited to, the following benefits and process improvement.

- Increased access to medication as well as the ability to receive them in an expedient and safe manner.
- Reduction in rejected deliveries and medication waste.
- Improved initiation of therapy, overall medication adherence and patient outcome.
- Increased communication and patient care collaboration between prescribers, pharmacists, and patients.
- Solves a critical patient need to allow specialty and other prescription medications to be delivered to a practitioner's office or other specified location for administration or for ease of pick up.

In closing, CVS Health applauds the Board of Pharmacy for empowering patients to take a more active role in their healthcare specific to managing the delivery of their prescription medications. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to the Board for their review and consideration regarding this proposal and look forward to a favorable outcome for the patients of West Virginia.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Irvin".

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