



April 26, 2024

The Honorable Bill Lee  
Governor of Tennessee  
State Capitol, 1st Floor  
600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee,

On behalf of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA), I am writing to seek your support for Senate Bill (SB) 869 (Reeves) / House Bill (HB) 282 (Baum).

A pivotal aspect of this legislation centers on preserving patients' access to health care provided by their trusted pharmacist. SB 869/HB 282 expands Tennesseans' options for where they receive health care services. It provides efficiencies to the health care system by allowing pharmacists prescribing rights for the treatment of influenza and COVID-19, all adult immunizations and certain pediatric immunizations, post-exposure prophylaxis for nonoccupational exposure to HIV infection, medications used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose, epinephrine auto-injectors, certain types of hormonal contraceptives, topical fluoride agents, and tuberculin purified protein derivative products (Tb tests).

SB 869/HB 282 creates an avenue for pharmacists to enhance the implementation of the scope of practice adjustments, thereby increasing accessibility to pharmacists and medications. SB 869/HB 282 not only creates a pathway for pharmacists to bolster the implementation of the scope of practice adjustments but also underscores the heightened accessibility to pharmacists and medications that ensues.

States that have similarly enacted legislation to safeguard patient access to health care services from pharmacists have seen a rise in the utilization of pharmacists' expertise within their practices. SB 869/HB 282 will make significant strides to enhance and protect patients' access to their medication and their pharmacist.

For these reasons, the TPA and the pharmacy stakeholders listed below request your support by signing SB 869/HB 282 into state law.

Sincerely,



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