



May 1, 2023

Honorable Senator Deb Patterson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 2486— Allows pharmacist to delegate the administration of vaccinations to registered pharmacy technicians.

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee:

CVS Health strongly supports **HB 2486** authorizing pharmacists to delegate vaccine administration to trained registered pharmacy technicians. Technicians play a vital role in the delivery of pharmacy care to patients and they enable pharmacists to focus on clinical responsibilities such as drug utilization review and direct patient care and counseling.

To date, over half of the states in the nation have taken the necessary legislative action to enable technicians to continue vaccinating after the pandemic related PREP Act allowances expire. The remaining states must act to ensure sufficient support for pharmacy vaccinations.

Authorizing pharmacy technicians to administer vaccinations will enable pharmacies to plan and adapt care delivery models to provide increased vaccine capacity and optimally serve patients. It is critical to leverage the expertise and skills of all pharmacy staff to optimize the capacity of pharmacies to provide much needed vaccinations and other care services across the state.

CVS Health is the nation's premier health innovation company helping people on their path to better health. Whether in one of its pharmacies or through its health services and plans, CVS Health is pioneering a bold new approach to total health by making quality care more affordable, accessible, simple, and seamless. CVS Health is community-based and locally focused, engaging consumers with the care they need when and where they need it. In Oregon, CVS Health operates more than 29 retail locations with over 600 employees.

On behalf of CVS Health, I thank you for allowing us to provide our comments of support for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Snyder", written over a white background.

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