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NASPA/NABP Statewide Protocol Stakeholders Meeting

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Objectives

- Conduct a review and compile existing statewide protocols granting pharmacists prescriptive authority for specific medications/medication classes
- Organize a stakeholder buy-in meeting to discuss the concept of statewide protocols, learn from past experiences, and plan for next steps

Methods

Design

- Review existing state laws to examine the current statewide protocol authority for pharmacist prescribing in the U.S.
- Assemble a group of stakeholders with experience in implementing statewide protocols, in public health, and in pharmacy generally
- Discuss the marketplace, learn from past experiences with statewide protocols and brainstorm ways to provide resources to those states pursuing statewide protocol authority for pharmacists
- Share learnings from the live meeting in a meeting report

Results

- Currently there are 25 states with at least one statewide protocol in place. Most are for immunizations or naloxone but others are for smoking cessation, hormonal contraception, TB testing and travel medications.
- A variety of different approaches have been used to implement this authority.
- There are currently no guidance documents or best practice recommendations in the market.

Conclusion

In order to increase awareness and to assist states in implementing new policy the following recommendations were developed by meeting participants:

Statewide Protocol Policy Elements and Model Language

- Phase 1: Develop a consensus-based document outlining the model elements of state policies for statewide protocol authority. The report will include a delineation between collaborative practice agreements and statewide protocols and clearly articulate that the elements can be adapted to fit the definitions and construct of individual states' laws and regulations. *This work is to be done by a group of stakeholders through a consensus-based process.*
- Phase 2: Develop model legislative and/or regulatory language based on the consensus-based elements developed in phase 1. *This work is to be done by content experts as part of a working group, informed by the guiding principles of the consensus document.*

Model Statewide Protocols Development

- Phase 1: Develop a template for the elements that should be included in a statewide protocol for pharmacist prescriptive authority.
- Phase 2: Develop examples of specific statewide protocols (e.g., hormonal contraceptives, smoking cessation medications, vaccines, etc.) that can be implemented by state policy makers with the authority to issue statewide protocols for pharmacist prescribing. *This work is to be done by content experts as part of a working group, informed by the guiding principles of the consensus document. The working group will review and leverage existing protocols when available.*

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