

April 24, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor, State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**RE: Senate Bill 5557 – Addressing Services Provided by Pharmacists**

Dear Governor Inslee,

On behalf of the 99 hospital members of the Washington State Hospital Association, it is a pleasure to ask you to sign Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5557. SB 5557 requires health plans to reimburse licensed pharmacists for health care services performed under existing practice laws.

SB 5557 had strong, bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. The Senate voted 47-0 and the House voted 93-4 on the bill.

Pharmacists play a key role in promoting health and well-being. As Washington State looks to transform our health care system, pharmacists will have an increasing role within the health care team. Using pharmacists to provide diabetes education, medication management or provide immunizations has an obvious benefit for rural communities, but will also benefit urban areas of our state. This bill ensures that when pharmacists perform these important services, they can be paid for doing so.

We respectfully request you sign SB 5577 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassie Sauer".

Cassie Sauer  
Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Government Affairs