



April 24, 2015

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

RE: Senate Bill 5577 – Pharmaceutical Waste

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 5577. SB 5577 requires the Washington State Department of Ecology to convene a work group to identify problems regarding the proper management of pharmaceutical waste and recommend solutions. The bill before you is the result of a collaborative effort between regulators and waste generators.

SB 5577 had strong, bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. The Senate voted 48-1 and the House voted 97-0 on the bill.

Efficient and effective management of pharmaceutical waste is pivotal to protecting employee health and maintaining our vibrant ecosystem. This work group will propose recommendations to clarify regulations and make the management of pharmaceutical waste more consistent and effective across Washington State.

We respectfully request you sign SB 5577 into law.

Sincerely,

Cassie Sauer
Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Government Affairs



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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,

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