

# Pharmacists and Healthcare Services in Colorado



Pharmacists have always played an integral role in community healthcare by ensuring the safe and effective dispensing of medications. However, our scope of practice has expanded significantly in Colorado allowing us to contribute to patient care in new ways.

**Here's how:**

CPS website -  
Advanced Scope of  
Practice



SB21-094

## Independent Authority

**Pharmacy Practice Sunset bill (SB21-094)**  
**Colorado Statute 12-280-103 (definition 39)**

Allows pharmacists to prescribe without a collaborative practice agreement in certain situations.  
*Must have clear education and training.*

### Prescriptive authority:

- Medicaid prescribing of OTC medications and Paxlovid.
- Statewide Protocols
- Naloxone (in addition to the statewide standing order)
- Vaccines
- Medications for conditions that...
  - do not require a new diagnosis.
  - are minor or self-limiting.
  - have a CLIA-waived diagnostic test.

### Other authority:

- Performing limited physical assessments.
- Performing other tasks delegated by a licensed physician.
- Ordering and evaluating laboratory tests related to medication therapy.
- Providing treatment that is based on national, evidence-based published guidance.

## Collaborative Practice Agreements

**Colorado Law Part 6/Board Rule 17.00**

**“Collaborative drug therapy management” (CDTM)** allows pharmacists to review and provide drug therapy, monitor clinical status, and initiate, modify, or discontinue drug therapy after an initial diagnosis by a prescriber.

### CPA Examples:

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Opioid or benzodiazepine tapering
- Management/titration of GLP-1 RA's

### Key Pharmacist Requirements:

Pharmacists must hold a Colorado license, complete specialty training, carry professional liability insurance, and have a process in place to communicate and document changes to the patient's medical record.

See **Board Rule 17.00.30** for comprehensive requirements.



Board Rules

## Statewide Protocols

**Colorado Law Part 6/Board Rule 17.00.50**

**“Statewide protocols” (SWPs)** allow pharmacists to provide set clinical services without the need for a collaborative practice agreement with a specific provider.

### Colorado Statewide Protocols:

- Hormonal contraception
- Smoking cessation
- HIV PrEP/PEP
- Statin therapy
- Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)

### Key Protocol Information Includes:

Scope of eligible healthcare services, training requirements, referral criteria, response to allergic or adverse reactions, and treatment plans.



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