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BOARD NOTICE

The Board would like to ensure all NH pharmacies and pharmacists are aware of changes to RSA 318:52-c regarding the sale of hypodermic syringes. The law no longer limits the amount of syringes that can be sold to **those 18 and older** without a prescription (was previously limited to 10). See the text of the revised law below:

NH RSA 318:52-c Sale of Hypodermic Syringes and Needles.

- I. *No person shall sell, furnish, or give to any person, under 18 years of age, an instrument commonly known as a hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle, or any instrument adapted for the administration of drugs by injection without the written or oral prescription of a licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, or advanced practice registered nurse. Such prescription shall contain the name and address of the patient, the date of the prescription, the description of the instrument prescribed, and the number of instruments prescribed.*
- II. *The following conditions shall apply to all purchases of hypodermic syringes or needles:*
 - (a) *Retailers and dispensers of hypodermic syringes, needles, or any instrument adapted for the administration of drugs by injection shall provide to each purchaser at the time of purchase information regarding the safe disposal of hypodermic syringes or needles, including local disposal locations or a telephone number to call for such information, if appropriate.*
 - (b) *Retailers and dispensers shall also provide purchasers with information on drug addiction treatment, including a local telephone number to get assistance, if appropriate.*

Sincerely,

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