

## Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



**Topic: Registered and Intern Pharmacist Reporting Requirements for Dispensed Tuberculosis Medications per NAC 441A** 

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## **TO: All Nevada Registered or Intern Pharmacists**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all registered and intern pharmacists of recent revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 441A requiring pharmacists practicing in the State of Nevada to report suspected or diagnosed cases of tuberculosis (TB) to the health authority. These changes went into effect January 13, 2011.

The new regulations require local or state health authorities be notified whenever two or more TB medications are dispensed to an individual. Medications include: Ethambutol, Isoniazid, Pyrazinamide, Streptomycin, and any member of the Rifamycin group of drugs including, but not limited to, Rifabutin, Rifampin and Rifapentine, or any other newly developed TB medications. For complete reporting requirements please see the regulations at <u>http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/2008Register/R087-08A.pdf</u>, see Section 31.

Reporting by multiple healthcare providers is essential to limit the spread of disease. 441A Section 31 adds registered and intern pharmacists to the list of health care professionals, laboratories, and others responsible for reporting TB (see <u>NRS 441A.150</u>, <u>NAC 441A.290</u>, <u>NAC 441A.295</u>).

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