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RE: AB 529 - Pharmacy: declared state of emergency (Support)

Dear California Department of Public Health:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), which represents the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, would like to express our recommendation to **support AB 529**. On May 1, 2025, the CCLHO Board of Directors voted to approve the support recommendation.

AB 529 authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to elect to continue to waive application of any provision of pharmacy law for up to 120 days following the termination of a declared emergency if the continued waiver will aid in the protection of public health or the provision of patient care. Existing law allows for waivers up to 90 days. By extending the length of waivers to pharmacy law from 90 to 120 days following the termination of a declared emergency, the increased flexibility provided by this bill will make it easier for Californians to access the medications they need.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise CDPH, other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health.

Sincerely,

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