

Testimony re: SB 377
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Presented by Julie Hein on behalf of
Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores
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Madam Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Julie Hein, and I am representing the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores which is the Kansas affiliate of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, which represents 11 companies operating over 280 stores, employing over 27,000 full and part-time employees.

The KACDS introduced and supports SB 377, allowing a Pharmacist to administer a medication by injection pursuant to a prescription order.

Pharmacists are highly educated, trusted, and easily accessible healthcare professionals who provide patients with important patient care services, including medication administration services. Pharmacists, who are notably already permitted to administer vaccines to patients in all 50 states, are trained and experienced in drug administration techniques and practices. The majority of states explicitly permit pharmacists to perform drug administration pursuant to a prescription or otherwise recognize pharmacists' ability to provide this service to patients. Please see the attached map provided by NASPA (the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations).

The Medication Administration Stakeholder Group, convened by the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP), has developed state policy recommendations for pharmacist administration of medications. Quoting from the report "These recommendations encompass all non-vaccine medications, and also specifically address the administration of long-acting injectable (LAI) antipsychotic medications, a class of medications that has a clear public health need for increased access."

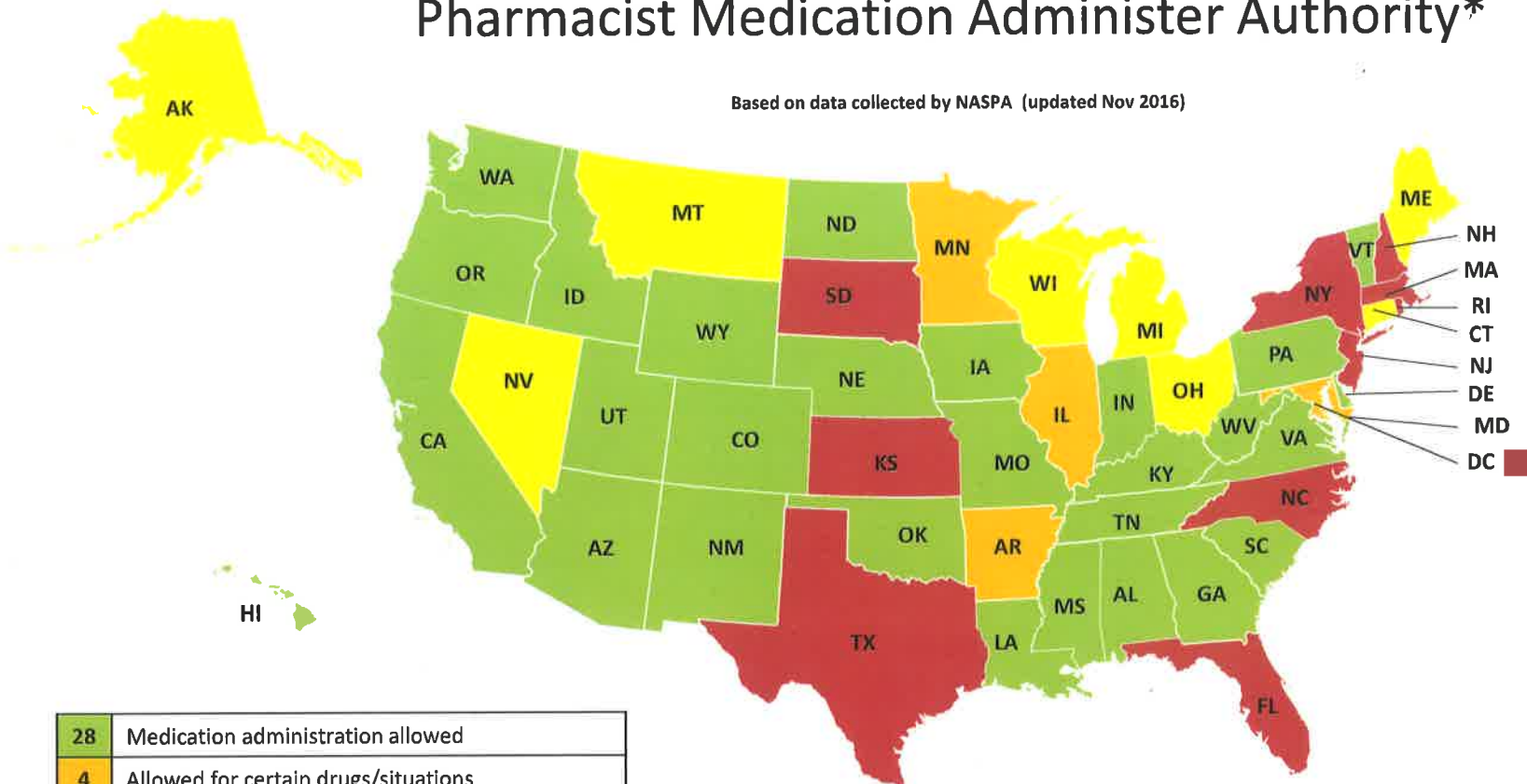
As reported by the NASPA report ... "There is a need for increased access to medication administration services for many types of medications, such as those used to treat osteoporosis, specialty medications, and supplements that must be provided by a health care professional. Additionally, there are a variety of self administered injectable medications that patients or caregivers are expected to administer at home. In some cases, due to dexterity deficiencies, fear of needles, or other challenges, there is a need for a highly accessible health care provider to provide medication administration services for the patient.

We strongly urge the committee to support SB 377.

Thank you for permitting me to testify, I am happy to respond to questions.

Pharmacist Medication Administer Authority*

Based on data collected by NASPA (updated Nov 2016)



28	Medication administration allowed
4	Allowed for certain drugs/situations
8	Allowed with a collaborative practice agreement
11	Not currently allowed

*Beyond immunizations



