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E-Prescribing Extension Provides More Opportunity to Arizona Prescribers
HB 2075 Signed into law by Governor Ducey will allow extension of e-prescribing mandate through next year.

Phoenix, AZ (February 14, 2019) – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) would like to commend Governor Ducey for signing HB 2075 (electronic prescribing; exceptions; deadlines) into law this morning.

We would also like to thank Representative Regina Cobb and Senator Heather Carter for their leadership in advancing identical bills on an expedited basis. Their understanding of the need for follow-up legislation has led to addressing difficulties ~~both~~ physicians and patients ~~have~~ experienced by delaying e-prescribing requirements for all counties until January 1, 2020. The legislation also reinstates a Board-certified physician assistant's ability to issue a 30-day prescription for schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances that are opioids and benzodiazepines.

“ArMA heard from the physician community on this critical and time sensitive matter facing ~~that~~ healthcare teams,” Traci Pritchard, MD, FACR, ArMA President. “This was truly a collaborative effort that brought together healthcare champions for the bettering of care for all of Arizona.”

Additionally, this bill allows pharmacists to dispense a written opioid prescription if an established electronic prescribing system or pharmacy management system is unavailable. Pharmacists are required to maintain a record of when the subsequent system is not operational or available.

HB 2075 was set in motion following the recent mandates set forth by SB 1001 in 2018. ArMA worked closely with key community stakeholders in supporting HB 2075 throughout the process, in an effort to correct unintended consequences, while still focusing on addressing the opioid crisis in Arizona.

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