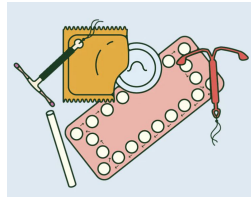




What's Up with WA LM Prescriptive Authority?

- The Department of Health (DOH) is the government agency in charge of the Rules Writing process, see next slide for details



Innovations from the Field

Prescriptive Authority for Direct Entry Midwives in Washington State: Increasing Client Access to Contraception

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- Check out this article published just this month for the back story:

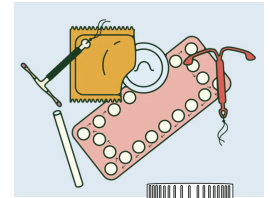
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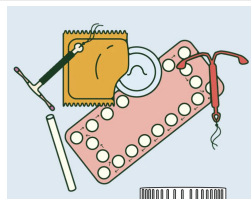
2024: Ongoing Rules Writing Work

- MAWS is still actively participating in the rule-making process at the DOH for our LM Scope change (License Extensions for Rx Authority).
 - MAWS attended stakeholder meetings with the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission & the Washington Medical Commission. MAWS answered a number of technical and clinical questions in those meetings.
 - Multiple rule-writing workshops have occurred (2022-2023)
 - The agency has prepared draft language, inclusive of stakeholder input
 - Public meetings still need to be scheduled (hopefully early in 2024)
 - If no new concerns are raised at the public hearings, then the DOH will approve the rules as written.



What is the Connection to our New Bill?

- Very recently, the DOH informed us that our Rx authority would have a smoother roll out if we also added LMs to the Pharmacy statute, so we are working this legislative session to do just that! This small change will also make it easier to order glucometers and the other items currently in our Drug Legend.
- For an update on our new bill, visit: www.washingtonmidwives.org/2024



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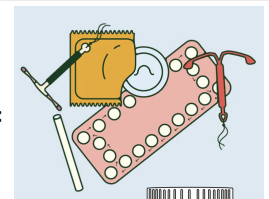
What Can I Do Now to Be Ready?

License Extension for Limited Prescriptive Authority:

- 15 hours of Pharm CEUs
 - Course examples: MAWS [Contraception](#), MAWS [Pharm for Perinatal Conditions](#), UBC [LARCs](#), UBC [Midwifery Hormonal Contraceptives](#), UBC [Midwifery STI Treatment](#)
- Clinical course (would need DOH approval) or documentation of 20 clinical cases reviewed with a provider who already has this scope

License Extension for Medical Devices or Implants:

- Training by manufacturers or equivalent
 - Nexplanon, IUD manufacturers
- Clinical experience on insertions & removals



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Our Bill: SB 6178 is a Technical fix adding LMs to pharmacy statute clarifying Rx authority for License extension & making it easier to obtain glucometers & more!

Also Supporting: Birth Center Capital Request
HB 1889
HB 2350/SB 6172



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