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Governor Sisolak signs emergency regulation restricting drug
distribution during COVID-19

Las Vegas, NV — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed an emergency
regulation promulgated by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy related to the
prescription and issuance of two certain drugs.

While the drugs serve necessary medical purposes, there is no consensus among
COVID-19 experts or Nevada’s own medical health advisory team that the two drugs
provide treatment for COVID-19 patients. The emergency regulation is aimed at
preventing hoarding of the drugs.

“This emergency regulation protects Nevadans who needs these drugs for legitimate
medical purposes. At this point in time, there is no known cure for COVID-19 and we
must not withhold these drugs from those who need them,” said Gov. Steve Sisolak.
“The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home for Nevada, not to
stockpile these drugs.”

The regulation prohibits the prescribing and dispensing chloroquine and
hydroxychloroquine for a COVID-19 diagnosis, requires an ICD-10 code on prescriptions
for the drugs and limits the prescription amount to a 30-day supply for the drugs.

The emergency regulation will ensure access for Nevada patients to chloroquine and
hydroxychloroquine for legitimate medical purposes.

“This emergency regulation is a strong step in protecting patients. While studies are
underway on the usefulness of these drugs in treating COVID-19, we must deal with
facts, not fiction,” said Dr. Ishan Azzam, the chief medical officer for the state Division of
Public and Behavioral Health. “Preserving these drugs for those who need it is the right
decision.”

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