

How the PREP Act Improved Health Care Access through Scope of Practice Expansion

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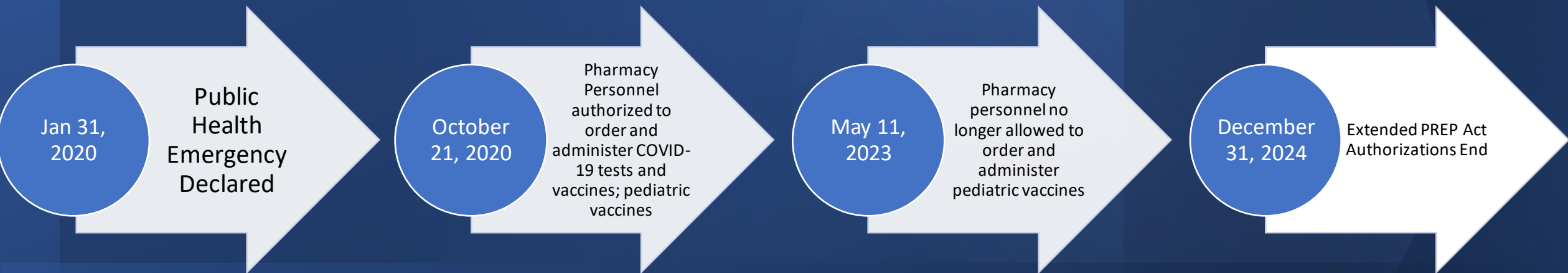


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Advancing Scope of Practice for Pharmacists
and Pharmacy Technicians

PREP Act Timeline for Pharmacy



Pharmacy Impact



Over 100,000 COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments were provided by pharmacists from November 2020 to June 2022



Over 42 million patient specimens tested by pharmacist for COVID-19 during April 2020 to July 2022



60-70% of vaccinations during flu season (third and fourth quarters) taking place at pharmacies (2018-2021)



More than 90% of COVID-19 vaccinations provided through either medical centers or pharmacies were delivered at pharmacies (Excluding temporary, government public health sites and sites where a claim would not be generated)

The PREP Act allows

| Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians* may | Diagnostic Product/Vaccines | Ended on May 11, 2023 | Extended until Dec 2024 |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| patients 19 and older | COVID-19 Diagnostic Test | Medicare Beneficiaries | Yes |
| | COVID-19 Therapeutic | - | Yes |
| | COVID-19 Vaccine | - | Yes |
| | Seasonal Influenza Vaccine | - | Yes |
| patients 3-18 years old | COVID-19 Diagnostic Test | - | Yes |
| | COVID-19 Therapeutic | - | Yes |
| | COVID-19 Vaccine | - | Yes |
| | ACIP Recommended Childhood Vaccines | Yes | - |
| | Seasonal Influenza Vaccine | - | Yes |

*Some state regulations may allow pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines after December 31, 2024.

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Why Pharmacy?



88.9%

of the US is within 5 miles of a pharmacy



30.5%

vaccines are given during off hours



64% less

The cost of one flu shot at pharmacy compared to the cost of a primary care provider visit and flu shot



\$31

per person net savings

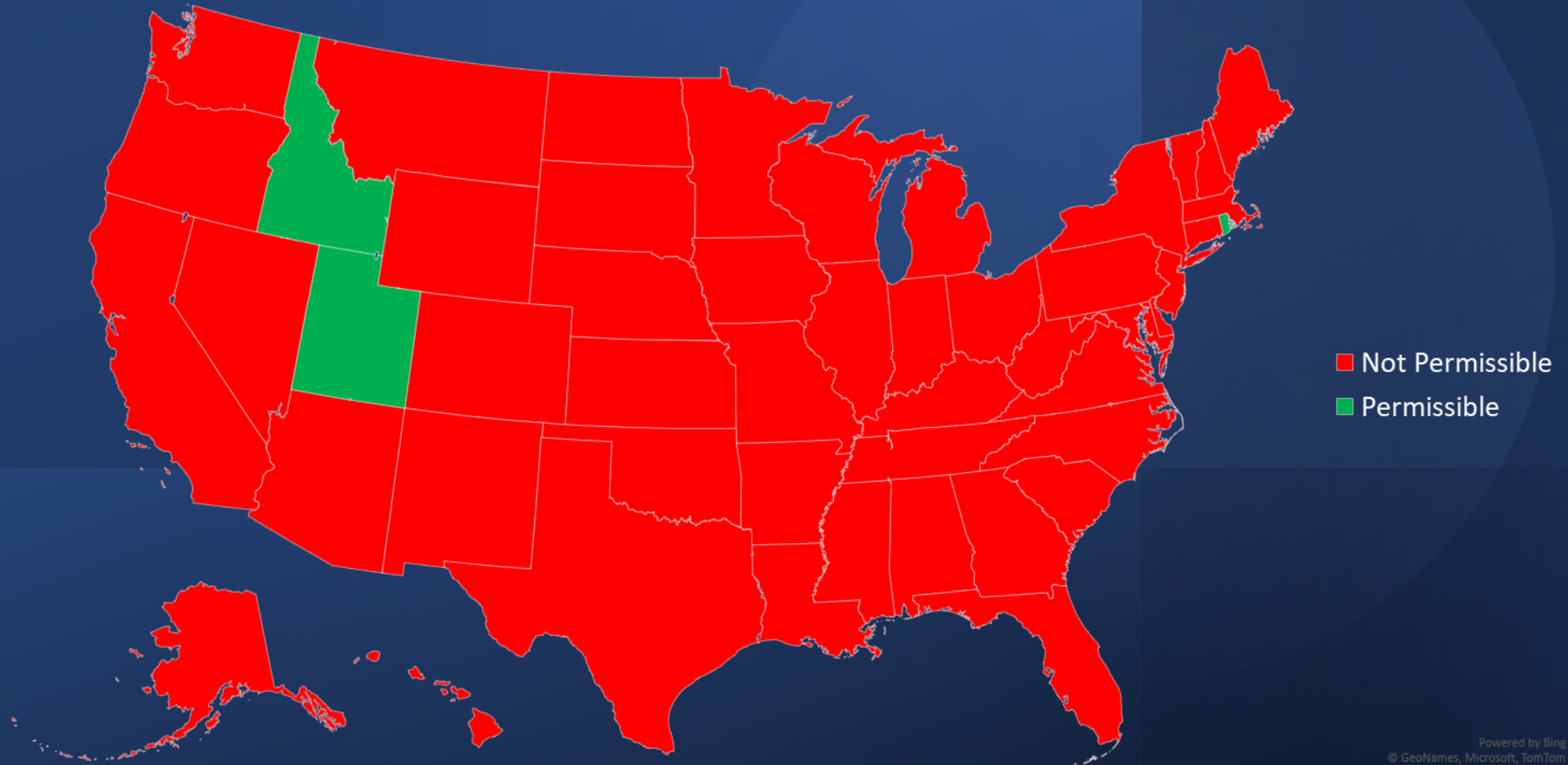
For patients getting a flu shot at a pharmacy visit a primary care office provider visit and shot



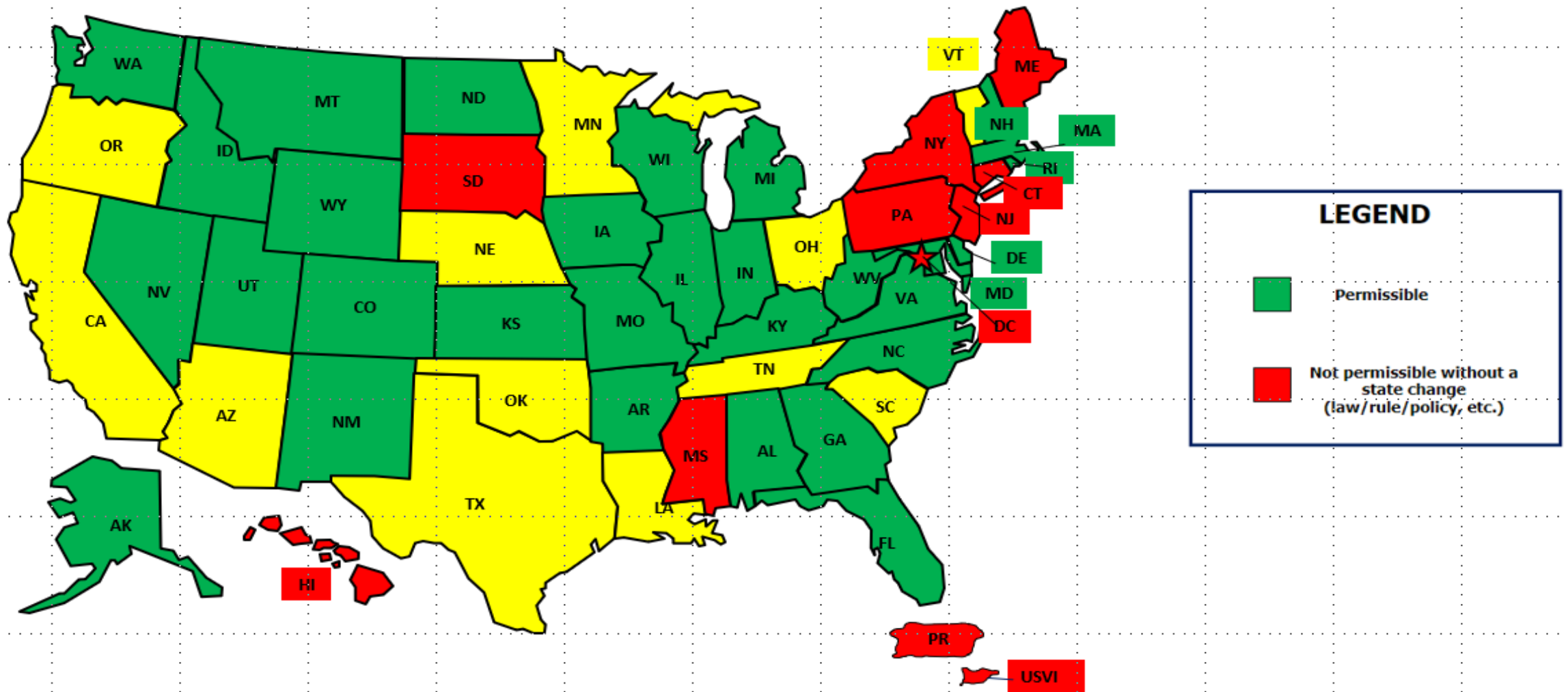
303.5 million doses

COVID-19 vaccines given by pharmacies

Pre-Pandemic Technician Immunization Authority



Post PREP Act Technician Immunization Authority



The Need



“Most people trust pharmacists to play a greater role in providing their care.” - John McHugh, MBA, PhD,

**Unmet
Healthcare
Needs**

20%
Clinicians Considering
leaving primary care

6%
Decline in pharmacists
working in pharmacies
between 2019 and
2021

2%
Projected growth of
pharmacy
employment between
2021 and 2031

37%
PCPs say patients are
in worse condition

5%
Projected growth in
pharmacy technician
employment between
2021 and 2031

The Training



The Expanded Role

Immunizations



Medication
Safety
Surveillance

Direct
Patient
Care
Services

Chronic
Disease
Management

Wellness
Screenings



The Quality Assurance



Boards of Pharmacy



Workplace Standards



Colleges of Pharmacy & Technician Training Programs

Legislative Considerations

- Immunization Authority Expansion
 - Lower Age
 - Include Interns and Pharmacy Technicians
- Test and Treat for Minor Acute Illnesses
 - Influenza
 - Strep
 - COVID-19
- Prescriptive Authority for HIV PEP and PREP
- Prescriptive Authority for Smoking Cessation Products
- Provider Status and Payment

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