



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 24, 2022

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1022

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 24, 2022, I have vetoed House Bill 1022, permitting pharmacists to dispense the drug Ivermectin by means of a standing order and establishing a commission to study the use of Ivermectin to treat Covid-19.

The State currently only has four instances in which pharmacists can dispense medication without a prescription. These medications are smoking cessation, contraception, substance use disorder, and treatment for sexual assault, all of which have gone through rigorous reviews and vetting to ensure they meet all the necessary protocols prior to a medication being dispensed via standing order. All drugs and medications should be subject to that same rigorous process if they are to be dispensed by standing order.

Further, regardless of this veto, Ivermectin remains available for individuals if prescribed by their doctor. Patients should always consult their doctor before taking medications so that they are fully aware of treatment options and potential unintended consequences of taking a medication that may limit other treatment options in the future.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor