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SYNOPSIS

Permits pharmacists to provide self-administered hormonal contraceptives to patients over the counter.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning contraceptives and supplementing P.L.2003,
2 c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a
8 pharmacist may furnish self-administered hormonal contraceptives
9 in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Pharmacy
10 pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

11 b. The Board of Pharmacy shall, pursuant to the
12 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
13 seq.), and in consultation with the State Board of Medical
14 Examiners and in consideration of guidelines established by the
15 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, adopt rules
16 to establish standard procedures for the furnishing of self-
17 administered hormonal contraceptives by pharmacists. These
18 procedures shall require pharmacists to:

19 (1) prior to providing a person with a self-administered
20 hormonal contraceptive, require the person to use a self-screening
21 tool that identifies patient risk factors for the use of self-
22 administered hormonal contraceptives, based on the current United
23 States Medical Eligibility Criteria (US MEC) for Contraceptive Use
24 developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
25 Prevention; and

26 (2) upon furnishing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive
27 or determining that a self-administered hormonal contraceptive is
28 not recommended, refer the person to the person’s primary care
29 provider or to an appropriate medical clinic.

30 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the
31 authority of a pharmacist to prescribe prescription medications.
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33 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
34 next following the date of enactment, except that the Board of
35 Pharmacy may take any administrative action in advance thereof as
36 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.
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39 STATEMENT
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41 This bill permits pharmacists to furnish self-administered
42 hormonal contraceptives pursuant to procedures adopted by the
43 Board of Pharmacy (Board). These procedures are to be established
44 by rule pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” in
45 consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners and in
46 consideration of guidelines established by the American Congress
47 of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

1 Specifically, pharmacists will be required, prior to providing a
2 person with a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, to require
3 the person to use a self-screening tool that identifies patient risk
4 factors for the use of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.
5 Upon furnishing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or
6 determining that a self-administered hormonal contraceptive is not
7 recommended, the pharmacist will be required to refer the person to
8 the person's primary care provider or to an appropriate medical
9 clinic.

10 Nothing in the bill is to be construed to expand the authority of a
11 pharmacist to prescribe prescription medication.

12 California and Oregon recently enacted similar legislation
13 expanding access to self-administered hormonal contraceptives.