

ASSEMBLY, No. 4673

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SYNOPSIS

Permits pharmacists to prescribe self-administered hormonal contraceptives under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning prescriptions for contraceptives and
2 supplementing P.L.2003, 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 issue a prescription for and dispense self-
9 administered hormonal contraceptives in accordance with rules and
10 regulations that shall be developed and adopted by the New Jersey
11 State Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the State Board of
12 Medical Examiners, and with consideration given to the guidelines
13 established by the American Congress of Obstetricians and
14 Gynecologists.

15 b. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules
16 and regulations pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
17 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to establish standard
18 procedures for the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered
19 hormonal contraceptives by pharmacists. The procedures shall
20 include:

21 (1) a description of the types of contraceptives that shall be
22 defined to be self-administered hormonal contraceptives;

23 (2) a requirement that prior to prescribing or dispensing a self-
24 administered hormonal contraceptive, the pharmacist shall complete
25 a training program approved by the New Jersey State Board of
26 Pharmacy that is related to prescribing self-administered hormonal
27 contraceptives;

28 (3) a requirement that in order to receive a self-administered
29 hormonal contraceptive, the patient shall use a self-screening tool
30 that identifies patient risk factors for the use of self-administered
31 hormonal contraceptives, based on the current United States
32 Medical Eligibility Criteria (US MEC) for Contraceptive Use
33 developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
34 Prevention; and

35 (4) a requirement that upon prescribing and dispensing a self-
36 administered hormonal contraceptive, the pharmacist shall refer the
37 patient to the patient’s primary care provider or to an appropriate
38 medical clinic.
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40 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.
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43 STATEMENT
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45 This bill supplements the “New Jersey Pharmacy Practice Act,”
46 P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.) to allow pharmacists to issue
47 prescriptions for and dispense self-administered hormonal
48 contraceptives in accordance with rules and regulations that the

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2 the State Board of Medical Examiners, and with consideration given
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