
SENATE BILL 5712

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By Senator Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to pharmaceutical services; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 70 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds
5 that:

6 (1) The current emphasis on control of the initial costs of
7 dispensing prescriptions is misplaced, and ignores both the immediate
8 and the long-term benefits of a "comprehensive pharmacy services" plan,
9 plus cognitive services;

10 (2) Comprehensive pharmacy services plan plus cognitive services
11 protects the patient from "drug misadventures"; and

12 (3) Comprehensive pharmacy services benefits includes the
13 monitoring of the drug regimen necessary to achieve the desired
14 therapeutic outcomes.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly
16 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout
17 this chapter.

1 (1) "Cognitive services" means those services provided by a
2 pharmacist to or for a patient or health care practitioner that are
3 judgmental or educational in nature, rather than technical or
4 informational.

5 (2) "Comprehensive pharmacy services" or "pharmaceutical care"
6 means the responsible provision of drug therapy by a pharmacist for the
7 purpose of achieving specific outcomes that improve the patient's
8 quality of life.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** PHARMACIST RESPONSIBILITIES. In the
10 utilization of comprehensive pharmacy services, the pharmacist is
11 responsible for:

- 12 (1) The use of cognitive services;
- 13 (2) Establishing the pharmacist-patient relationship;
- 14 (3) Collecting, synthesizing, and interpreting the relevant
15 information;
- 16 (4) Listing and ranking the patient's drug-related problems;
- 17 (5) Establishing a desired pharmacotherapeutic outcome for each
18 drug-related problem;
- 19 (6) Determining feasible pharmacotherapeutic alternatives;
- 20 (7) Choosing the "best" pharmacotherapeutic solution and
21 individualizing the therapeutic regimen;
- 22 (8) Designing a therapeutic monitoring plan;
- 23 (9) Implementing the individualized regimen and monitoring plan;
- 24 and
- 25 (10) Instituting follow-up procedures to measure success in
26 individual cases and in long-term implementation.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** CAPTIONS NOT LAW. Captions as used in this
28 act constitute no part of the law.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall
30 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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