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AMENDMENT MEMO





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2019 Senate Bill 286

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Senate Bill 286 permits pharmacists to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to a person who is at least 18 years of age, pursuant to rules promulgated by the Pharmacy Examining Board. The bill specifies a number of requirements that must be included in the board's rules, such as a self-assessment questionnaire and a blood pressure screening.

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The amendment requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to ensure that any contraceptives, which are covered and reimbursed under Medicaid, are also covered and reimbursed when prescribed by a pharmacist, if a prescription is required under federal law and the pharmacist is acting within his or her scope of practice. DHS is also required to certify pharmacists as Medicaid providers for the purpose of covering and reimbursing these services.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Bernier offered Senate Amendment 1 on November 18, 2019. On January 8, 2020, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of 2019 Senate Bill 286, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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