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LCO No. 1626

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

An Act Concerning The Return Of Dispensed Prescriptions By Nursing Homes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) No long-term care facility may return to the
2 dispensing or vendor pharmacy for repackaging and reimbursement,
3 any unused, noncontrolled prescription drugs dispensed to patients in
4 the long-term care facility, unless: (1) Such drugs are sealed in
5 unopened individually packaged units; (2) the shelf life for the
6 purposes of redistribution of such drugs has not lapsed; and (3) such
7 long-term care facility establishes and follows policies and procedures
8 for the return of such unused drugs provided for in subsection (b) of
9 this section.

10 (b) Policies and procedures established by each long-term care
11 facility for the return of unused medications or drug products to the
12 vendor pharmacy from which were purchased shall: (1) Limit the drug
13 products that may be returned to oral and parenteral medication in
14 single-dose hermetically sealed containers from which no doses have
15 been withdrawn, and parenteral medication in multiple-dose
16 hermetically sealed containers from which no doses have been

17 withdrawn; (2) require that the drug products returned show no
18 obvious sign of deterioration; (3) allow for the return of drug products
19 packaged in manufacturer's unit-dose packages for redispensing
20 provided such drug products are able to be redispensed in time for use
21 before the expiration date, if any, as indicated on the package; and (4)
22 allow for the return of drug products repackaged by the pharmacy into
23 unit-dose or multiple-dose "blister packs" for redispensing if: (A) The
24 date on which such drug products were repackaged, the lot number of
25 such drug products and the expiration date of such drug products are
26 indicated clearly on the repackaged package, (B) not more than one
27 hundred twenty days elapsed from the date of the repackaging, and
28 (C) a repackaging log is maintained by the pharmacy when drug
29 products are repackaged in advance of immediate needs. Such policies
30 and procedures shall not allow for the return of a drug product
31 dispensed in bulk in a dispensing container, or for the return of a
32 controlled substance.

33 (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection
34 shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
35 of the general statutes concerning the repackaging and labeling of
36 prescription drugs returned under the provisions of this section.

37 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish the rate of
38 reimbursement paid by the vendor pharmacies for all prescription
39 drugs returned for repackaging as provided in this section.

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) Section 17b-363 of the general statutes is repealed.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow nursing homes to return unused drugs that are not expired
for reimbursement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]