



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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Each long-term care facility shall return to the
2 vendor pharmacy, for repackaging and reimbursement, drug products
3 that were dispensed to a patient and not used if such drug products
4 are (1) prescription drug products that are not controlled substances;
5 (2) sealed in individually packaged units; (3) returned to the vendor
6 pharmacy within the recommended period of shelf life for the purpose
7 of redispensing such drug products; and (4) oral and parenteral
8 medication in single-dose sealed containers approved by the federal
9 Food and Drug Administration, topical or inhalant drug products in
10 units of use containers approved by the federal Food and Drug
11 Administration or parenteral medications in multiple-dose sealed
12 containers approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration
13 from which no doses have been withdrawn.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section:

15 (1) If such drug products are packaged in manufacturer's unit-dose
16 packages, such drug products shall be returned for redispensing if
17 such drugs can be redispensed for use before the expiration date, if
18 any, indicated on the package.

19 (2) If such drug products are repackaged in manufacturer's unit-
20 dose or multiple-dose blister packs, such drug products shall be
21 returned for redispensing if (A) the date on which such drug product
22 was repackaged, such drug product's lot number and such drug
23 product's expiration date are indicated clearly on the package of such
24 repackaged drug; (B) ninety days or fewer have elapsed from the date
25 of repackaging of such drug product; and (C) a repackaging log is
26 maintained by the pharmacy in the case of drug products repackaged
27 in advance of immediate needs.

28 (3) No drug products dispensed in a bulk dispensing container may
29 be returned to the vendor pharmacy.

30 (c) Each long-term care facility shall establish procedures for the
31 return of unused drug products to the vendor pharmacy from which
32 such drug products were purchased.

33 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations,
34 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
35 to carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
36 govern the repackaging and labeling of drug products returned
37 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

38 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish the rate of
39 reimbursement that shall be paid to the vendor pharmacies by the
40 manufacturers of such drug products returned to such vendor
41 pharmacies pursuant to the provisions of this section.

42 Sec. 2. Section 17b-363 of the general statutes is repealed.

GL Committee Vote: Yea 15 Nay 0 JFS