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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE BETWEEN
PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-631 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) (1) One or more pharmacists licensed under this chapter who are
4 determined eligible in accordance with subsection (c) of this section,
5 and employed by or under contract with a hospital may enter into a
6 written protocol-based collaborative drug therapy management
7 agreement with one or more physicians licensed under chapter 370 to
8 manage the drug therapy of individual patients receiving inpatient
9 services or outpatient services for chronic disease management in a
10 hospital licensed under chapter 368v₂ in accordance with subsections
11 (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section and subject to the approval of the
12 hospital. Each patient's collaborative drug therapy management shall
13 be governed by a written protocol specific to that patient established
14 by the treating physician in consultation with the pharmacist.

15 (2) One or more pharmacists licensed under this chapter who are

16 determined eligible in accordance with subsection (c) of this section
17 and employed by or under contract with a nursing home facility, as
18 defined in section 19a-521, may enter into a written protocol-based
19 collaborative drug therapy management agreement with one or more
20 physicians licensed under chapter 370 to manage the drug therapy of
21 individual patients receiving services in a nursing home facility, in
22 accordance with subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section and
23 subject to the approval of the nursing home facility. Each patient's
24 collaborative drug therapy management shall be governed by a
25 written protocol specific to that patient established by the treating
26 physician in consultation with the pharmacist.

27 (b) A collaborative drug therapy management agreement may
28 authorize a pharmacist to implement, modify or discontinue a drug
29 therapy that has been prescribed for a patient, order associated
30 laboratory tests and administer drugs, all in accordance with a patient-
31 specific written protocol. In instances where drug therapy is
32 discontinued, the pharmacist shall notify the treating physician of such
33 discontinuance no later than twenty-four hours from the time of such
34 discontinuance. Each protocol developed, pursuant to the collaborative
35 drug therapy management agreement, shall contain detailed direction
36 concerning the actions that the pharmacist may perform for that
37 patient. The protocol shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the
38 specific drug or drugs to be managed by the pharmacist, (2) the terms
39 and conditions under which drug therapy may be implemented,
40 modified or discontinued, (3) the conditions and events upon which
41 the pharmacist is required to notify the physician, and (4) the
42 laboratory tests that may be ordered. All activities performed by the
43 pharmacist in conjunction with the protocol shall be documented in
44 the patient's medical record. The pharmacist shall report at least every
45 thirty days to the physician regarding the patient's drug therapy
46 management. The collaborative drug therapy management agreement
47 and protocols shall be available for inspection by the Departments of
48 Public Health and Consumer Protection. A copy of the protocol shall
49 be filed in the patient's medical record.

50 (c) A pharmacist shall be responsible for demonstrating, in
51 accordance with this subsection, the competence necessary for
52 participation in each drug therapy management agreement into which
53 such pharmacist enters. The pharmacist's competency shall be
54 determined by the hospital or nursing home facility for which the
55 pharmacist is employed, or with which the pharmacist has contracted.
56 A copy of the criteria upon which the hospital or nursing home facility
57 determines competency shall be filed with the Commission of
58 Pharmacy.

59 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
60 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may adopt regulations, in
61 accordance with chapter 54, concerning the minimum content of the
62 collaborative drug therapy management agreement and the written
63 protocol and as otherwise necessary to carry out the purpose of this
64 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the availability of collaborative practice between a physician and pharmacist to patients in nursing homes.

[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.]