



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1325

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCREENING FOR KIDNEY DISEASE .

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-269b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "clinical laboratory" has the same
4 meaning as provided in section 19a-30, [and] "patient" does not include
5 any person under eighteen years of age and "routine general medical
6 examination" does not include an annual gynecological examination.

7 (b) Beginning September 1, 2006:

8 (1) Each physician licensed under chapter 370 shall order a serum
9 creatinine test as part of each patient's [annual physical] routine
10 general medical examination if the patient has not submitted to such
11 test within the one-year period preceding the [annual physical] routine
12 general medical examination. The order shall include a notification
13 that the test is being ordered pursuant to the provisions of this
14 subdivision.

15 (2) For each serum creatinine test performed on a patient admitted

16 as an inpatient to a hospital licensed in this state, the ordering provider
17 shall request, at least once during such patient's hospital stay, that the
18 laboratory performing the test include an estimated glomerular
19 filtration rate in the laboratory report if the patient has not submitted
20 to such test within the one-year period preceding such hospitalization.

21 (3) Any person, firm or corporation operating a clinical laboratory
22 licensed in this state shall ensure that when the clinical laboratory tests
23 a specimen to determine a patient's serum creatinine level, as ordered
24 or prescribed by a physician or provider in a hospital pursuant to
25 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, the clinical laboratory shall (A)
26 calculate the patient's estimated glomerular filtration rate using the
27 patient's age and gender, which information shall be provided to the
28 clinical laboratory by the physician or the provider in a hospital, and
29 (B) include the patient's estimated glomerular filtration rate with its
30 report to the physician or the provider in a hospital.

31 (4) A person, firm or corporation operating a clinical laboratory
32 licensed in this state shall be deemed in compliance with subdivision
33 (3) of this subsection if the clinical laboratory makes available to the
34 ordering physician or provider in a hospital test order codes for serum
35 creatinine that include eGFR.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	19a-269b

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt gynecologists from the requirement imposed upon physicians to screen for kidney disease as part of each patient's annual examination.

[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.]