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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1907, 32-1968, 32-1979 AND 36-2608, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1907, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1907. Arizona state board of pharmacy fund

5 A. Except as provided in section 32-1939, the executive director
6 shall receive and receipt for all fees and other monies provided for in
7 this chapter and shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147,
8 ten percent of such monies in the state general fund and ninety percent in
9 the Arizona state board of pharmacy fund. All monies derived from civil
10 penalties collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited, pursuant
11 to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund.

12 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, monies
13 deposited in the Arizona state board of pharmacy fund ~~shall be~~ ARE subject
14 to section 35-143.01.

15 C. From monies deposited in the Arizona state board of pharmacy
16 fund pursuant to subsection A of this section, the executive director may
17 transfer up to ~~five hundred thousand dollars~~ \$500,000 annually to the
18 controlled substances prescription monitoring program fund established by
19 section 36-2605 for expenses related to the controlled substances
20 prescription monitoring program as required by title 36, chapter 28.

21 D. From monies deposited in the Arizona state board of pharmacy
22 fund pursuant to subsection A of this section, the executive director may
23 transfer up to ~~one million dollars~~ \$1,000,000 annually to EACH the Arizona
24 poison and drug information center AND A POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION
25 CENTER THAT SERVES MARICOPA COUNTY for the purposes specified in section
26 36-1161 to supplement, and not supplant, any state general fund
27 appropriation for those purposes.

28 Sec. 2. Section 32-1968, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
29 read:

30 32-1968. Dispensing prescription-only drug; prescription
31 orders; refills; labels; misbranding; dispensing
32 soft contact lenses; opioid antagonists

33 A. A prescription-only drug shall be dispensed only under one of
34 the following conditions:

35 1. By a medical practitioner in conformance with section 32-1921.

36 2. On a written prescription order bearing the prescribing medical
37 practitioner's manual signature.

38 3. On an electronically transmitted prescription order containing
39 the prescribing medical practitioner's electronic or digital signature.

40 4. On a written prescription order generated from electronic media
41 containing the prescribing medical practitioner's electronic or manual
42 signature. A prescription order that contains only an electronic
43 signature must be applied to paper that uses security features that will
44 ensure the prescription order is not subject to any form of copying or
45 alteration.

1 5. On an oral prescription order that is reduced promptly to
2 writing and filed by the pharmacist.

3 6. By refilling any written, electronically transmitted or oral
4 prescription order if a refill is authorized by the prescriber either in
5 the original prescription order, by an electronically transmitted refill
6 order that is documented promptly and filed by the pharmacist or by an
7 oral refill order that is documented promptly and filed by the pharmacist.

8 7. On a prescription order that the prescribing medical
9 practitioner or the prescribing medical practitioner's agent transmits by
10 fax or e-mail.

11 8. On a prescription order that the patient transmits by fax or by
12 e-mail if the patient presents a written prescription order bearing the
13 prescribing medical practitioner's manual signature when the
14 prescription-only drug is picked up at the pharmacy.

15 B. A prescription order shall not be refilled if it is either:

16 1. Ordered by the prescriber not to be refilled.

17 2. More than one year since it was originally ordered.

18 C. A prescription order shall contain the date it was issued, the
19 name and address of the person for whom or owner of the animal for which
20 the drug is ordered, refills authorized, if any, the legibly printed name,
21 address and telephone number of the prescribing medical practitioner, the
22 name, strength, dosage form and quantity of the drug ordered and
23 directions for its use.

24 D. Any drug dispensed in accordance with subsection A of this
25 section is exempt from the requirements of section 32-1967, except section
26 32-1967, subsection A, paragraphs 1, 10 and 11 and the packaging
27 requirements of section 32-1967, subsection A, paragraphs 7 and 8, if the
28 drug container bears a label containing the name and address of the
29 dispenser, the serial number, the date of dispensing, the name of the
30 prescriber, the name of the patient, or, if an animal, the name of the
31 owner of the animal and the species of the animal, directions for use and
32 cautionary statements, if any, contained in the order. This exemption
33 does not apply to any drug dispensed in the course of the conduct of a
34 business of dispensing drugs pursuant to diagnosis by mail or the internet
35 or to a drug dispensed in violation of subsection A of this section.

36 E. The board by rule also may require additional information on the
37 label of prescription medication that the board believes to be necessary
38 for the best interest of the public's health and welfare.

39 F. A prescription-only drug or a controlled substance that requires
40 a prescription order is deemed to be misbranded if, at any time before
41 dispensing, its label fails to bear the statement "Rx only". A drug to
42 which subsection A of this section does not apply is deemed to be
43 misbranded if, at any time before dispensing, its label bears the caution
44 statement quoted in this subsection.

1 G. A pharmacist may fill a prescription order for soft contact
2 lenses only as provided in this chapter.

3 H. A pharmacist may dispense naloxone hydrochloride or any other
4 opioid antagonist that is approved by the United States food and drug
5 administration on the receipt of a standing order ~~and according to~~
6 ~~protocols adopted by the board pursuant to section 32-1979. For the~~
7 ~~purposes of this subsection, "standing order" means a signed prescription~~
8 ~~order that authorizes the pharmacist to dispense naloxone hydrochloride or~~
9 ~~any other opioid antagonist for emergency purposes and that is issued by a~~
10 ~~medical practitioner licensed in this state or a state or county health~~
11 ~~officer who is a medical practitioner licensed in this state~~ PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 36-2266. NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE OR ANY OTHER OPIOID ANTAGONIST
13 THAT IS DISPENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IS
14 EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 32-1967.

15 Sec. 3. Section 32-1979, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
16 read:

17 32-1979. Pharmacists; dispensing opioid antagonists; immunity

18 A. A pharmacist may dispense, pursuant to a standing order issued
19 pursuant to section 36-2266 ~~and according to protocols adopted by the~~
20 ~~board~~, naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist that is
21 approved by the United States food and drug administration for ~~use~~
22 ~~according to the protocols specified by board rule to~~ a person who is at
23 risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or to a family member or
24 community member who is in a position to assist that person.

25 B. A pharmacist who dispenses naloxone hydrochloride or any other
26 opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection A of this section shall ~~:-~~

27 ~~1. Document the dispensing consistent with board rules.~~

28 ~~2.~~ instruct the individual to whom the opioid antagonist is
29 dispensed to summon emergency services as soon as practicable after
30 administering the opioid antagonist.

31 C. This section does not affect the authority of a pharmacist to
32 fill or refill a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or any other
33 opioid antagonist that is approved by the United States food and drug
34 administration.

35 D. A pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist pursuant to this
36 section is immune from professional liability and criminal prosecution for
37 any decision made, act or omission or injury that results from that act if
38 the pharmacist acts with reasonable care and in good faith, except in
39 cases of wanton or wilful neglect.

40 Sec. 4. Section 36-2608, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
41 read:

42 36-2608. Reporting requirements; waiver; exceptions

43 A. If a medical practitioner dispenses a controlled substance
44 listed in section 36-2513, 36-2514, 36-2515 or 36-2516 or the rules
45 adopted pursuant to chapter 27, article 2 of this title, or if a

1 prescription for a controlled substance listed in any of those sections ~~or~~
2 ~~naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist~~ that is approved by
3 the United States food and drug administration is dispensed by a pharmacy
4 in this state, a health care facility in this state for outpatient use or
5 a board-permitted nonresident pharmacy for delivery to a person residing
6 in this state, the medical practitioner, health care facility or pharmacy
7 must report the following information as applicable and as prescribed by
8 the board by rule:

9 1. The name, address, telephone number, prescription number and
10 United States drug enforcement administration controlled substance
11 registration number of the dispenser.

12 2. The name, address and date of birth of the person for whom the
13 prescription is written.

14 3. The name, address, telephone number and United States drug
15 enforcement administration controlled substance registration number of the
16 prescribing medical practitioner.

17 4. The name, strength, quantity, dosage and national drug code
18 number of the schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance ~~or naloxone~~
19 ~~hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist~~ dispensed.

20 5. The date the prescription was dispensed.

21 6. The number of refills, if any, authorized by the medical
22 practitioner.

23 B. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, a dispenser
24 must use the latest version of the standard implementation guide for
25 prescription monitoring programs published by the American society for
26 automation in pharmacy to report the required information.

27 C. The board shall allow the reporter to transmit the required
28 information by electronic data transfer if feasible or, if not feasible,
29 on reporting forms as prescribed by the board. The reporter shall submit
30 the required information once each day.

31 D. A dispenser who does not have an automated recordkeeping system
32 capable of producing an electronic report in the established format may
33 request a waiver from electronic reporting by submitting a written request
34 to the board. The board shall grant the request if the dispenser agrees
35 in writing to report the data by submitting a completed universal claim
36 form as prescribed by the board by rule.

37 E. The board by rule may prescribe the prescription form to be used
38 in prescribing a schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance if the
39 board determines that this would facilitate the reporting requirements of
40 this section.

41 F. The reporting requirements of this section do not apply to the
42 following:

43 1. A controlled substance that is administered directly to a
44 patient.

1 2. A controlled substance that is dispensed by a medical
2 practitioner at a health care facility licensed by this state if the
3 quantity dispensed is limited to an amount adequate to treat the patient
4 for a maximum of seventy-two hours with not more than two seventy-two-hour
5 cycles within any fifteen-day period.

6 3. A controlled substance sample.

7 4. The wholesale distribution of a schedule II, III, IV or V
8 controlled substance. For the purposes of this paragraph, "wholesale
9 distribution" has the same meaning prescribed in section 32-1981.

10 5. A facility that is registered by the United States drug
11 enforcement administration as a narcotic treatment program and that is
12 subject to the recordkeeping provisions of 21 Code of Federal Regulations
13 section 1304.24.

14 ~~G. A pharmacist who dispenses naloxone hydrochloride or another~~
15 ~~opioid antagonist to an individual pursuant to section 32-1979 shall~~
16 ~~report the information listed in subsection A, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of~~
17 ~~this section and the name, strength, quantity, dosage and national drug~~
18 ~~code number as prescribed by the board by rule pursuant to subsection A of~~
19 ~~this section.~~

20 ~~H. Naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist shall not~~
21 ~~be viewable in the patient utilization report.~~

22 Sec. 5. Emergency

23 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
24 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
25 law.