



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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(S. Medicaid)

Medication synchronization

Replaces the House-passed provisions requiring the Medicaid program, including Medicaid managed care organizations, to provide coverage for medication synchronization with provisions that are substantively equivalent to the bill's coverage requirements that apply to health insurers.

Adds a provision making the medication synchronization requirements applicable to the Medicaid program on January 1, 2017.

Updates the House-passed provision specifying when the bill's provisions are applicable to health insurers by replacing January 1, 2016, with January 1, 2017.

Controlled substances and dangerous drugs

Adds a provision authorizing a licensing board to suspend a professional license or certificate without a hearing based on the professional's method of (1) administering or dispensing a controlled substance or (2) prescribing, furnishing, administering, or dispensing any other dangerous drug. Adds a provision extending to three years (from two) the time that certain records related to controlled substances must be preserved or kept.

Pharmacists

Adds the following provisions related to the practice of pharmacists:

- Requires a pharmacist to exercise professional judgment in determining the amount of a drug to dispense under an existing provision that authorizes a pharmacist to dispense up to a 30-day supply of a drug without a prescription for a patient on a consistent therapy with a drug that is not a controlled substance.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

- Specifies information that must be included in a written consult agreement between a physician and a pharmacist for management of a patient's drug therapy.

- Specifies that in order for existing law immunities from liability for pharmacists and physicians practicing under consult agreements to apply, a pharmacist or physician must be acting in accordance with the consult agreement.

Physician assistants

Adds the following provisions related to the practice of physician assistants:

- Permits certain physician assistants who are licensed by the State Medical Board but not authorized to prescribe drugs to become so authorized without obtaining a master's or higher degree.

- Modifies the continuing pharmacology education requirements for physician assistants.

New nursing home

Adds a provision requiring the Director of Health to accept for review one certificate of need application for the establishment, development, and construction of a new nursing home in a county with a population of at least 40,000 and not more than 45,000 if certain conditions are met, including that the new nursing home is to have not more than 20 beds and the beds are to be transferred from a nursing home in a contiguous county with a population of at least 135,000 and not more than 140,000.