AN ACT to amend 450.11 (1); and to create 450.11 (4) (a) 8. and 450.11 (4m) of the statutes; relating to: prescription drug labels.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 450.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1) DISPENSING. No person may dispense any prescribed drug or device except upon the prescription order of a practitioner. All prescription orders shall specify the date of issue, the name and address of the patient, the name and address of the practitioner, the name and quantity of the drug product or device prescribed, directions for the use of the drug product or device, the symptom or purpose for which the drug is being prescribed if required under sub. (4) (a) 8., and, if the order is written by the practitioner, the signature of the practitioner. Any oral prescription order shall be immediately reduced to writing by the pharmacist and filed according to sub. (2).

SECTION 2. 450.11 (4) (a) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

450.11 (4) (a) 8. The symptom or purpose for which the drug is being prescribed if the prescription order specifies the symptom or purpose under sub. (4m).

SECTION 3. 450.11 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

450.11 (4m) LABEL OPTIONS. If a patient indicates in writing to a practitioner who makes a prescription order for the patient that the patient wants the symptom or purpose for the prescription to be disclosed on the label, the practitioner shall specify the symptom or purpose in the prescription order.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 450.11 (4m) of the statutes first applies to prescription orders that are made on the effective day of this subsection.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003–04: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].