



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 290
[2015 Assembly Bill 865]

Injections by Pharmacists

2015 Wisconsin Act 290 removes limitations on the ability of a pharmacist to provide injections. Under prior law, a pharmacist was allowed to administer a prescribed drug or device by injection only in the course of teaching self-administration techniques to a patient. Under the Act, a pharmacist is authorized to administer a prescribed drug product or device by injection, regardless of whether the pharmacist is instructing the patient in self-administration techniques.

Under prior law, a pharmacy student who had successfully completed his or her second year of pharmacy school, and a person who had applied for a pharmacist license, were also allowed to administer a prescribed drug or device by injection only in the course of teaching a patient how to self-administer. The Act removes this limitation for those individuals as well. However, as under prior law, those individuals may administer an injection only under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has completed a course of study and training.

The Act requires any pharmacist or other person described above who administers a prescribed drug product or device to notify the prescribing practitioner, or enter the information in a patient record system shared by the prescribing practitioner.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.