



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 25**  
[January 2017 Special Session  
Assembly Bill 4]

**Schedule V Controlled  
Substances**

2017 Wisconsin Act 25 modifies requirements for dispensing certain substances included in schedule V of the state Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Prior law authorized dispensing of all schedule V controlled substances without a prescription, subject to various requirements and limitations. The Act creates a prescription requirement applicable to certain schedule V controlled substances.

The Act generally prohibits the dispensing of a schedule V controlled substance that is categorized as a “narcotic drug containing nonnarcotic active medicinal ingredients” without a prescription. The schedule V controlled substances currently included in this category are those containing codeine, dihydrocodeine, ethylmorphine, diphenoxylate, opium, or difenoxin in the amounts and in certain compounds, as applicable, that are specified in the statutes. However, the prescription requirement created under the Act does not apply to a substance dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacy, to an ultimate user.

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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>.