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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 36

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Amendment 2**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 36

2021 Assembly Bill 36 authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense oral contraceptive pills and contraceptive patches. The patient must meet certain requirements before a pharmacist may prescribe an oral contraceptive pill or contraceptive patch, including being age 18 or older, responding to a self-assessment questionnaire, having a blood pressure screening, and having no contraindications from the questionnaire and screening.

The Pharmacy Examining Board must develop standard procedures, in consultation with certain other boards and the Department of Health Services, for a pharmacist to follow if choosing to prescribe and dispense contraceptives as authorized under the bill. The Board must develop the self-assessment questionnaire using professional guidelines from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The bill includes a delayed effective date, to take effect on the first day of the 10th month after enactment.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 specifies that the self-assessment questionnaire must include a patient acknowledgment that an oral contraceptive or contraceptive patch does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases, which may have a significant impact on reproductive and general health. The patient must also acknowledge that it is strongly recommended that the patient meet annually with a physician or other medical professional to discuss hormonal contraceptive treatment and other routine preventive care.

The amendment also specifies that, if the results are reviewed by a pharmacist before prescribing and dispensing an oral contraceptive or contraceptive patch, a qualified pharmacy employee may provide the self-assessment questionnaire and administer the blood pressure screening.

Lastly, the amendment revises the delayed effective date to take effect on January 1, 2023, rather than in the 10th month after enactment.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Kitchens on October 27, 2021. That same day, the Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 83; Noes, 7; and Paired, 6.

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