

ADDICTION RECOVERY AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Utah Controlled Substances Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to:
 - establish guidelines for the issuance of a prescription for an opiate antagonist along with a prescription for an opiate; and
 - report on the guidelines to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

58-37-19, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-37-19** is enacted to read:

58-37-19. Coprescription guidelines.



- 28 (1) As used in this section:
29 (a) "Controlled substance prescriber" means the same as that term is defined in Section
30 58-37-6.5.
31 (b) "Coprescribe" means to issue a prescription for an opiate antagonist with a
32 prescription for an opiate.
33 (c) "Opiate antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that
34 is not a controlled substance and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration
35 for the diagnosis or treatment of an opiate-related drug overdose.
36 (2) The division shall, in consultation with the Physicians Licensing Board created in
37 Section 58-67-201, the Utah State Board of Pharmacy created in Section 58-17b-201, and the
38 Department of Health created in Section 26-1-4, establish by rule, made in accordance with
39 Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, scientifically based guidelines for
40 controlled substance prescribers to coprescribe an opiate antagonist to a patient.
41 (3) The division shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
42 before October 30, 2017, regarding the guidelines established under Subsection (2).
43 (4) The report described in Subsection (3) shall include:
44 (a) established rules regarding the coprescription of an opiate antagonist to a patient;
45 and
46 (b) an analysis of:
47 (i) the application of the rules; and
48 (ii) the impact of the rules.
49 (5) This section does not create a duty or standard of care for a controlled substance
50 prescriber to prescribe an opiate antagonist.

Legislative Review Note
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