

SB177 Pharmacy Practice Revisions Summary

Establishes copayment limits for insulin;

- After 2022, health insurance plans must ensure that the copay cost of less than a 30-day supply of insulin is not greater than the prorated cost of a 30-day supply.
- Between 30-51-day supply may not exceed the copay cost of a 30-day supply. (Lines 49-54)

Amends requirements for licensure as a pharmacy technician trainee;

- Allows the Utah State Board of Pharmacy to establish any new criteria to become a licensed pharmacy technician (Line 581)

Amends provisions governing the dispensing of opiate medication assisted treatment at an opioid treatment program;

- Renames “methadone” to “opiate medication assisted treatment” for an expansion of medications that can be covered by the program. (Lines 612-617)

Amends provisions governing the audit of pharmacy records by or on behalf of an entity that finances or reimburses the cost of health care services or pharmaceutical products;

- If there is a records dispute between those performing an audit and the pharmacy, the pharmacy’s records (physical or electronic) shall be used instead of a doctor’s notes or other 3rd party records. (Lines 756)
- Establishes 7-30 day time limit for pharmacy to comply with audit. (Lines 726-743)

These provisions protect a pharmacy from bearing the burden of audit request

Amends provisions governing the administration of injectables by pharmacists;

- The Utah Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL) must collaborate with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy to establish rules about drug administration (Lines 780)
- Removes specified intramuscular injection drugs and replaces them with the broader “injectables” (Lines 782)

Addresses corrections to data submitted to the controlled substance database;

- Gives a pharmacy 7 business days to correct errors in the controlled substance database, after having been notified of said error (Lines 815-817)

Amends the definition of "electronic data system"

- Electronic data system to track pharmacy care (not medicinal, i.e. flu shot, COVID-19 test) are subject to the same guidelines as the electronic database for drug administration. (Lines 891-893)