

1 **PHARMACY SERVICE FOR DISCHARGED HOSPITAL**
2 **PATIENTS**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Edward H. Redd**

6 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug
11 to a discharged patient under certain circumstances.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug to a
15 discharged patient, under certain circumstances, when the patient's regular retail
16 pharmacy is not available; and

17 ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to make rules.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 ENACTS:

24 **58-17b-610.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

27 Section 1. Section **58-17b-610.6** is enacted to read:

28 **58-17b-610.6. Hospital pharmacy dispensing prescription drugs to patients at**
29 **discharge.**

30 (1) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
31 Administrative Rulemaking Act, in consultation with hospital pharmacies, to establish
32 guidelines under which a hospital pharmacy may dispense a limited supply of a prescription
33 drug to an individual who is no longer a patient in the hospital setting if:

34 (a) the individual is discharged from the hospital on the same day that the hospital
35 pharmacy dispenses the prescription drug to the individual;

36 (b) the prescription drug relates to the reason for which the individual was a patient at
37 the hospital before being discharged;

38 (c) the class A pharmacy with which the patient has an established pharmacy-patient
39 relationship is not open at the time of the patient's discharge;

40 (d) the hospital pharmacy dispenses a quantity of the prescription drug that is the lesser
41 of:

42 (i) a 72-hour supply; or

43 (ii) an adequate amount to treat the discharged patient through the first day on which
44 the pharmacy described in Subsection (1)(c) is open after the patient's discharge from the
45 hospital; and

46 (e) dispensing the prescription drug complies with protocols established by the hospital
47 pharmacy.

48 (2) A hospital pharmacy may dispense a prescription drug in accordance with rules
49 made under Subsection (1).