

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

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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

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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 at discharge.**  
29           (1) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
30 Administrative Rulemaking Act, in consultation with hospital pharmacies, to establish  
31 guidelines under which a hospital pharmacy may dispense a limited supply of a prescription  
32 drug to an individual who is no longer a patient in the hospital setting if:  
33           (a) the individual is discharged from the hospital on the same day that the hospital  
34 pharmacy dispenses the prescription drug to the individual;  
35           (b) the prescription drug relates to the reason for which the individual was a patient at  
36 the hospital before being discharged;  
37           (c) the class A pharmacy with which the patient has an established pharmacy-patient  
38 relationship is not open at the time of the patient's discharge;  
39           (d) the hospital pharmacy dispenses a quantity of the prescription drug that is the lesser  
40 of:  
41           (i) a 72-hour supply; or  
42           (ii) an adequate amount to treat the discharged patient through the first day on which  
43 the pharmacy described in Subsection (1)(c) is open after the patient's discharge from the  
44 hospital; and  
45           (e) dispensing the prescription drug complies with protocols established by the hospital  
46 pharmacy.  
47           (2) A hospital pharmacy may dispense a prescription drug in accordance with rules  
48 made under Subsection (1).

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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