

Senator Evan J. Vickers proposes the following substitute bill:

PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the licensure of pharmacies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the pharmacist in charge of a pharmacy that is not a class D pharmacy, and not each manager at the pharmacy, to submit fingerprint cards and consent to a fingerprint background check;

▶ subject to statutory limitations, grants rulemaking authority to the Division of Professional Licensing to prescribe a method by which a pharmacy may update the address registered to a pharmacy's license;

▶ allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug to an individual who is no longer a patient in the hospital, if the drug is necessary for the patient's immediate needs;

▶ allows a pharmacy to update the address registered to a pharmacy's license, if there has been no change in the underlying ownership or control of the pharmacy;

▶ applies the provisions of Title 58, Chapter 88, Part 2, Dispensing Practice, to a physician who dispenses a prescription drug or device to a patient for the patient's immediate needs, in an emergency department, and in accordance with other code



26 provisions; and
27 ▶ makes corresponding technical changes.

28 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 None

30 **Other Special Clauses:**

31 None

32 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

33 AMENDS:

34 **58-17b-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 223, 328

35 **58-17b-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 223

36 **58-17b-603**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 280

37 **58-17b-610.6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 465

38 **58-17b-613**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 336

39 **58-17b-614**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

40 **58-17b-622**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 329

41 **58-88-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 353

42 REPEALS:

43 **58-17b-610.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 81



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

46 Section 1. Section **58-17b-102** is amended to read:

47 **58-17b-102. Definitions.**

48 In addition to the definitions in Section **58-1-102**, as used in this chapter:

49 (1) "Administering" means:

50 (a) the direct application of a prescription drug or device, whether by injection,
51 inhalation, ingestion, or by any other means, to the body of a human patient or research subject
52 by another person; or

53 (b) the placement by a veterinarian with the owner or caretaker of an animal or group
54 of animals of a prescription drug for the purpose of injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other
55 means directed to the body of the animal by the owner or caretaker in accordance with written
56 or verbal directions of the veterinarian.

57 (2) "Adulterated drug or device" means a drug or device considered adulterated under
58 21 U.S.C. Sec. 351 (2003).

59 (3) (a) "Analytical laboratory" means a facility in possession of prescription drugs for
60 the purpose of analysis.

61 (b) "Analytical laboratory" does not include a laboratory possessing prescription drugs
62 used as standards and controls in performing drug monitoring or drug screening analysis if the
63 prescription drugs are prediluted in a human or animal body fluid, human or animal body fluid
64 components, organic solvents, or inorganic buffers at a concentration not exceeding one
65 milligram per milliliter when labeled or otherwise designated as being for in vitro diagnostic
66 use.

67 (4) "Animal euthanasia agency" means an agency performing euthanasia on animals by
68 the use of prescription drugs.

69 (5) "Automated pharmacy systems" includes mechanical systems which perform
70 operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage,
71 packaging, dispensing, or distribution of medications, and which collect, control, and maintain
72 all transaction information.

73 (6) "Beyond use date" means the date determined by a pharmacist and placed on a
74 prescription label at the time of dispensing that indicates to the patient or caregiver a time
75 beyond which the contents of the prescription are not recommended to be used.

76 (7) "Board of pharmacy" or "board" means the Utah State Board of Pharmacy created
77 in Section [58-17b-201](#).

78 (8) "Branch pharmacy" means a pharmacy or other facility in a rural or medically
79 underserved area, used for the storage and dispensing of prescription drugs, which is dependent
80 upon, stocked by, and supervised by a pharmacist in another licensed pharmacy designated and
81 approved by the division as the parent pharmacy.

82 (9) "Centralized prescription processing" means the processing by a pharmacy of a
83 request from another pharmacy to fill or refill a prescription drug order or to perform
84 processing functions such as dispensing, drug utilization review, claims adjudication, refill
85 authorizations, and therapeutic interventions.

86 (10) "Class A pharmacy" means a pharmacy located in Utah that is authorized as a
87 retail pharmacy to compound or dispense a drug or dispense a device to the public under a

88 prescription order.

89 (11) "Class B pharmacy":

90 (a) means a pharmacy located in Utah:

91 (i) that is authorized to provide pharmaceutical care for patients in an institutional
92 setting; and

93 (ii) whose primary purpose is to provide a physical environment for patients to obtain
94 health care services; and

95 (b) (i) includes closed-door, hospital, clinic, nuclear, and branch pharmacies; and

96 (ii) pharmaceutical administration and sterile product preparation facilities.

97 (12) "Class C pharmacy" means a pharmacy that engages in the manufacture,
98 production, wholesale, or distribution of drugs or devices in Utah.

99 (13) "Class D pharmacy" means a nonresident pharmacy.

100 (14) "Class E pharmacy" means all other pharmacies.

101 (15) (a) "Closed-door pharmacy" means a pharmacy that:

102 (i) provides pharmaceutical care to a defined and exclusive group of patients who have
103 access to the services of the pharmacy because they are treated by or have an affiliation with a
104 specific entity, including a health maintenance organization or an infusion company; or

105 (ii) engages exclusively in the practice of telepharmacy and does not serve walk-in
106 retail customers.

107 (b) "Closed-door pharmacy" does not include a hospital pharmacy, a retailer of goods
108 to the general public, or the office of a practitioner.

109 (16) "Collaborative pharmacy practice" means a practice of pharmacy whereby one or
110 more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or
111 more practitioners under protocol whereby the pharmacist may perform certain pharmaceutical
112 care functions authorized by the practitioner or practitioners under certain specified conditions
113 or limitations.

114 (17) "Collaborative pharmacy practice agreement" means a written and signed
115 agreement between one or more pharmacists and one or more practitioners that provides for
116 collaborative pharmacy practice for the purpose of drug therapy management of patients and
117 prevention of disease of human subjects.

118 (18) (a) "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, or

119 labeling of a limited quantity drug, sterile product, or device:

120 (i) as the result of a practitioner's prescription order or initiative based on the
121 practitioner, patient, or pharmacist relationship in the course of professional practice;

122 (ii) for the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and
123 not for sale or dispensing; or

124 (iii) in anticipation of prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed
125 prescribing patterns.

126 (b) "Compounding" does not include:

127 (i) the preparation of prescription drugs by a pharmacist or pharmacy intern for sale to
128 another pharmacist or pharmaceutical facility;

129 (ii) the preparation by a pharmacist or pharmacy intern of any prescription drug in a
130 dosage form which is regularly and commonly available from a manufacturer in quantities and
131 strengths prescribed by a practitioner; or

132 (iii) the preparation of a prescription drug, sterile product, or device which has been
133 withdrawn from the market for safety reasons.

134 (19) "Confidential information" has the same meaning as "protected health
135 information" under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information,
136 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

137 (20) "Controlled substance" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-37-2](#).

138 (21) "Dietary supplement" has the same meaning as Public Law Title 103, Chapter
139 417, Sec. 3a(ff) which is incorporated by reference.

140 (22) "Dispense" means the interpretation, evaluation, and implementation of a
141 prescription drug order or device or nonprescription drug or device under a lawful order of a
142 practitioner in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use
143 by a patient, research subject, or an animal.

144 (23) "Dispensing medical practitioner" means an individual who is:

145 (a) currently licensed as:

146 (i) a physician and surgeon under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

147 (ii) an osteopathic physician and surgeon under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical
148 Practice Act;

149 (iii) a physician assistant under Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act;

- 150 (iv) a nurse practitioner under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act; or
- 151 (v) an optometrist under Chapter 16a, Utah Optometry Practice Act, if the optometrist
- 152 is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist; and
- 153 (b) licensed by the division under the Pharmacy Practice Act to engage in the practice
- 154 of a dispensing medical practitioner.
- 155 (24) "Dispensing medical practitioner clinic pharmacy" means a closed-door pharmacy
- 156 located within a licensed dispensing medical practitioner's place of practice.
- 157 (25) "Distribute" means to deliver a drug or device other than by administering or
- 158 dispensing.
- 159 (26) (a) "Drug" means:
- 160 (i) a substance recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official
- 161 Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any
- 162 supplement to any of them, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or
- 163 prevention of disease in humans or animals;
- 164 (ii) a substance that is required by any applicable federal or state law or rule to be
- 165 dispensed by prescription only or is restricted to administration by practitioners only;
- 166 (iii) a substance other than food intended to affect the structure or any function of the
- 167 body of humans or other animals; and
- 168 (iv) substances intended for use as a component of any substance specified in
- 169 Subsections [~~(26)(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv)~~] (26)(a)(i) through (iv).
- 170 (b) "Drug" does not include dietary supplements.
- 171 (27) "Drug regimen review" includes the following activities:
- 172 (a) evaluation of the prescription drug order and patient record for:
- 173 (i) known allergies;
- 174 (ii) rational therapy-contraindications;
- 175 (iii) reasonable dose and route of administration; and
- 176 (iv) reasonable directions for use;
- 177 (b) evaluation of the prescription drug order and patient record for duplication of
- 178 therapy;
- 179 (c) evaluation of the prescription drug order and patient record for the following
- 180 interactions:

- 181 (i) drug-drug;
- 182 (ii) drug-food;
- 183 (iii) drug-disease; and
- 184 (iv) adverse drug reactions; and
- 185 (d) evaluation of the prescription drug order and patient record for proper utilization,
- 186 including over- or under-utilization, and optimum therapeutic outcomes.

187 (28) "Drug sample" means a prescription drug packaged in small quantities consistent
188 with limited dosage therapy of the particular drug, which is marked "sample", is not intended to
189 be sold, and is intended to be provided to practitioners for the immediate needs of patients for
190 trial purposes or to provide the drug to the patient until a prescription can be filled by the
191 patient.

192 (29) "Electronic signature" means a trusted, verifiable, and secure electronic sound,
193 symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by
194 a person with the intent to sign the record.

195 (30) "Electronic transmission" means transmission of information in electronic form or
196 the transmission of the exact visual image of a document by way of electronic equipment.

197 (31) "Hospital pharmacy" means a pharmacy providing pharmaceutical care to
198 inpatients of a general acute hospital or specialty hospital licensed by the Department of Health
199 and Human Services under Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 2, Health Care Facility Licensing and
200 Inspection.

201 (32) "Legend drug" has the same meaning as prescription drug.

202 (33) "Licensed pharmacy technician" means an individual licensed with the division,
203 that may, under the supervision of a pharmacist, perform the activities involved in the
204 technician practice of pharmacy.

205 (34) "Manufacturer" means a person or business physically located in Utah licensed to
206 be engaged in the manufacturing of drugs or devices.

207 (35) (a) "Manufacturing" means:

- 208 (i) the production, preparation, propagation, conversion, or processing of a drug or
209 device, either directly or indirectly, by extraction from substances of natural origin or
210 independently by means of chemical or biological synthesis, or by a combination of extraction
211 and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling

212 or relabeling of its container; and

213 (ii) the promotion and marketing of such drugs or devices.

214 (b) "Manufacturing" includes the preparation and promotion of commercially available
215 products from bulk compounds for resale by pharmacies, practitioners, or other persons.

216 (c) "Manufacturing" does not include the preparation or compounding of a drug by a
217 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or practitioner for that individual's own use or the preparation,
218 compounding, packaging, labeling of a drug, or incident to research, teaching, or chemical
219 analysis.

220 (36) "Medical order" means a lawful order of a practitioner which may include a
221 prescription drug order.

222 (37) "Medication profile" or "profile" means a record system maintained as to drugs or
223 devices prescribed for a pharmacy patient to enable a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to analyze
224 the profile to provide pharmaceutical care.

225 (38) "Misbranded drug or device" means a drug or device considered misbranded under
226 21 U.S.C. Sec. 352 (2003).

227 (39) (a) "Nonprescription drug" means a drug which:

228 (i) may be sold without a prescription; and

229 (ii) is labeled for use by the consumer in accordance with federal law.

230 (b) "Nonprescription drug" includes homeopathic remedies.

231 (40) "Nonresident pharmacy" means a pharmacy located outside of Utah that sells to a
232 person in Utah.

233 (41) "Nuclear pharmacy" means a pharmacy providing radio-pharmaceutical service.

234 (42) "Out-of-state mail service pharmacy" means a pharmaceutical facility located
235 outside the state that is licensed and in good standing in another state, that:

236 (a) ships, mails, or delivers by any lawful means a dispensed legend drug to a patient in
237 this state pursuant to a lawfully issued prescription;

238 (b) provides information to a patient in this state on drugs or devices which may
239 include, but is not limited to, advice relating to therapeutic values, potential hazards, and uses;

240 or

241 (c) counsels pharmacy patients residing in this state concerning adverse and therapeutic
242 effects of drugs.

243 (43) (a) "Patient counseling" means the written and oral communication by the
244 pharmacist or pharmacy intern of information, to the patient or caregiver, in order to ensure
245 proper use of drugs, devices, and dietary supplements.

246 (b) "Patient counseling" includes, if the patient elects to receive patient counseling, or
247 any specific portion of patient counseling, by written communication via electronic
248 transmission, providing the patient with a tangible copy of a QR code, the scanning of which
249 by the patient using a capable electronic device renders the written communication in an easily
250 legible format.

251 (44) "Pharmaceutical administration facility" means a facility, agency, or institution in
252 which:

253 (a) prescription drugs or devices are held, stored, or are otherwise under the control of
254 the facility or agency for administration to patients of that facility or agency;

255 (b) prescription drugs are dispensed to the facility or agency by a licensed pharmacist
256 or pharmacy intern with whom the facility has established a prescription drug supervising
257 relationship under which the pharmacist or pharmacy intern provides counseling to the facility
258 or agency staff as required, and oversees drug control, accounting, and destruction; and

259 (c) prescription drugs are professionally administered in accordance with the order of a
260 practitioner by an employee or agent of the facility or agency.

261 (45) (a) "Pharmaceutical care" means carrying out the following in collaboration with a
262 prescribing practitioner, and in accordance with division rule:

263 (i) designing, implementing, and monitoring a therapeutic drug plan intended to
264 achieve favorable outcomes related to a specific patient for the purpose of curing or preventing
265 the patient's disease;

266 (ii) eliminating or reducing a patient's symptoms; or

267 (iii) arresting or slowing a disease process.

268 (b) "Pharmaceutical care" does not include prescribing of drugs without consent of a
269 prescribing practitioner.

270 (46) "Pharmaceutical facility" means a business engaged in the dispensing, delivering,
271 distributing, manufacturing, or wholesaling of prescription drugs or devices within or into this
272 state.

273 (47) (a) "Pharmaceutical wholesaler or distributor" means a pharmaceutical facility

274 engaged in the business of wholesale vending or selling of a prescription drug or device to
275 other than a consumer or user of the prescription drug or device that the pharmaceutical facility
276 has not produced, manufactured, compounded, or dispensed.

277 (b) "Pharmaceutical wholesaler or distributor" does not include a pharmaceutical
278 facility carrying out the following business activities:

279 (i) intracompany sales;

280 (ii) the sale, purchase, or trade of a prescription drug or device, or an offer to sell,
281 purchase, or trade a prescription drug or device, if the activity is carried out between one or
282 more of the following entities under common ownership or common administrative control, as
283 defined by division rule:

284 (A) hospitals;

285 (B) pharmacies;

286 (C) chain pharmacy warehouses, as defined by division rule; or

287 (D) other health care entities, as defined by division rule;

288 (iii) the sale, purchase, or trade of a prescription drug or device, or an offer to sell,
289 purchase, or trade a prescription drug or device, for emergency medical reasons, including
290 supplying another pharmaceutical facility with a limited quantity of a drug, if:

291 (A) the facility is unable to obtain the drug through a normal distribution channel in
292 sufficient time to eliminate the risk of harm to a patient that would result from a delay in
293 obtaining the drug; and

294 (B) the quantity of the drug does not exceed an amount reasonably required for
295 immediate dispensing to eliminate the risk of harm;

296 (iv) the distribution of a prescription drug or device as a sample by representatives of a
297 manufacturer; and

298 (v) the distribution of prescription drugs, if:

299 (A) the facility's total distribution-related sales of prescription drugs does not exceed
300 5% of the facility's total prescription drug sales; and

301 (B) the distribution otherwise complies with 21 C.F.R. Sec. 1307.11.

302 (48) "Pharmacist" means an individual licensed by this state to engage in the practice
303 of pharmacy.

304 (49) "Pharmacist-in-charge" means a pharmacist currently licensed in good standing

305 who accepts responsibility for the operation of a pharmacy in conformance with all laws and
306 rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs, and who is personally
307 in full and actual charge of the pharmacy and all personnel.

308 (50) "Pharmacist preceptor" means a licensed pharmacist in good standing with one or
309 more years of licensed experience. The preceptor serves as a teacher, example of professional
310 conduct, and supervisor of interns in the professional practice of pharmacy.

311 (51) "Pharmacy" means any place where:

312 (a) drugs are dispensed;

313 (b) pharmaceutical care is provided;

314 (c) drugs are processed or handled for eventual use by a patient; or

315 (d) drugs are used for the purpose of analysis or research.

316 (52) "Pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator" means a person or entity that
317 provides a pharmacy benefits management service as defined in Section 31A-46-102 on behalf
318 of a self-insured employer, insurance company, health maintenance organization, or other plan
319 sponsor, as defined by rule.

320 (53) "Pharmacy intern" means an individual licensed by this state to engage in practice
321 as a pharmacy intern.

322 (54) "Pharmacy manager" means:

323 (a) a pharmacist-in-charge;

324 (b) a licensed pharmacist designated by a licensed pharmacy to consult on the
325 pharmacy's administration;

326 (c) an individual who manages the facility in which a licensed pharmacy is located;

327 (d) an individual who oversees the operations of a licensed pharmacy;

328 (e) an immediate supervisor of an individual described in Subsections (54)(a) through
329 (d); or

330 (f) another operations or site manager of a licensed pharmacy.

331 (55) "Pharmacy technician training program" means an approved technician training
332 program providing education for pharmacy technicians.

333 (56) (a) "Practice as a dispensing medical practitioner" means the practice of pharmacy,
334 specifically relating to the dispensing of a prescription drug in accordance with Part 8,
335 Dispensing Medical Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy, and

336 division rule adopted after consultation with the Board of pharmacy and the governing boards
337 of the practitioners described in Subsection (23)(a).

338 (b) "Practice as a dispensing medical practitioner" does not include:

339 (i) using a vending type of dispenser as defined by the division by administrative rule;

340 or

341 (ii) except as permitted by Section 58-17b-805, dispensing of a controlled substance as
342 defined in Section 58-37-2.

343 (57) "Practice as a licensed pharmacy technician" means engaging in practice as a
344 pharmacy technician under the general supervision of a licensed pharmacist and in accordance
345 with a scope of practice defined by division rule made in collaboration with the board.

346 (58) "Practice of pharmacy" includes the following:

347 (a) providing pharmaceutical care;

348 (b) collaborative pharmacy practice in accordance with a collaborative pharmacy
349 practice agreement;

350 (c) compounding, packaging, labeling, dispensing, administering, and the coincident
351 distribution of prescription drugs or devices, provided that the administration of a prescription
352 drug or device is:

353 (i) pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner when one is required by law; and

354 (ii) in accordance with written guidelines or protocols:

355 (A) established by the licensed facility in which the prescription drug or device is to be
356 administered on an inpatient basis; or

357 (B) approved by the division, in collaboration with the board and, when appropriate,
358 the Physicians Licensing Board, created in Section 58-67-201, if the prescription drug or device
359 is to be administered on an outpatient basis solely by a licensed pharmacist;

360 (d) participating in drug utilization review;

361 (e) ensuring proper and safe storage of drugs and devices;

362 (f) maintaining records of drugs and devices in accordance with state and federal law
363 and the standards and ethics of the profession;

364 (g) providing information on drugs or devices, which may include advice relating to
365 therapeutic values, potential hazards, and uses;

366 (h) providing drug product equivalents;

367 (i) supervising pharmacist's supportive personnel, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy
368 technicians;

369 (j) providing patient counseling, including adverse and therapeutic effects of drugs;

370 (k) providing emergency refills as defined by rule;

371 (l) telepharmacy;

372 (m) formulary management intervention;

373 (n) prescribing and dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive in
374 accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 5, Treatment Access; and

375 (o) issuing a prescription in accordance with Section [58-17b-627](#).

376 (59) "Practice of telepharmacy" means the practice of pharmacy through the use of
377 telecommunications and information technologies.

378 (60) "Practice of telepharmacy across state lines" means the practice of pharmacy
379 through the use of telecommunications and information technologies that occurs when the
380 patient is physically located within one jurisdiction and the pharmacist is located in another
381 jurisdiction.

382 (61) "Practitioner" means an individual currently licensed, registered, or otherwise
383 authorized by the appropriate jurisdiction to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of
384 professional practice.

385 (62) "Prescribe" means to issue a prescription:

386 (a) orally or in writing; or

387 (b) by telephone, facsimile transmission, computer, or other electronic means of
388 communication as defined by division rule.

389 (63) "Prescription" means an order issued:

390 (a) by a licensed practitioner in the course of that practitioner's professional practice or
391 by collaborative pharmacy practice agreement; and

392 (b) for a controlled substance or other prescription drug or device for use by a patient
393 or an animal.

394 (64) "Prescription device" means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine,
395 contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, and any component
396 part or accessory, which is required under federal or state law to be prescribed by a practitioner
397 and dispensed by or through a person or entity licensed under this chapter or exempt from

398 licensure under this chapter.

399 (65) "Prescription drug" means a drug that is required by federal or state law or rule to
400 be dispensed only by prescription or is restricted to administration only by practitioners.

401 (66) "Repackage":

402 (a) means changing the container, wrapper, or labeling to further the distribution of a
403 prescription drug; and

404 (b) does not include:

405 (i) Subsection (66)(a) when completed by the pharmacist responsible for dispensing the
406 product to a patient; or

407 (ii) changing or altering a label as necessary for a dispensing practitioner under Part 8,
408 Dispensing Medical Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy, for
409 dispensing a product to a patient.

410 (67) "Research using pharmaceuticals" means research:

411 (a) conducted in a research facility, as defined by division rule, that is associated with a
412 university or college in the state accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and
413 Universities;

414 (b) requiring the use of a controlled substance, prescription drug, or prescription
415 device;

416 (c) that uses the controlled substance, prescription drug, or prescription device in
417 accordance with standard research protocols and techniques, including, if required, those
418 approved by an institutional review committee; and

419 (d) that includes any documentation required for the conduct of the research and the
420 handling of the controlled substance, prescription drug, or prescription device.

421 (68) "Retail pharmacy" means a pharmaceutical facility dispensing prescription drugs
422 and devices to the general public.

423 (69) (a) "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" means a self-administered
424 hormonal contraceptive that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration to
425 prevent pregnancy.

426 (b) "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" includes an oral hormonal
427 contraceptive, a hormonal vaginal ring, and a hormonal contraceptive patch.

428 (c) "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" does not include any drug intended to

429 induce an abortion, as that term is defined in Section 76-7-301.

430 (70) "Self-audit" means an internal evaluation of a pharmacy to determine compliance
431 with this chapter.

432 (71) "Supervising pharmacist" means a pharmacist who is overseeing the operation of
433 the pharmacy during a given day or shift.

434 (72) "Supportive personnel" means unlicensed individuals who:

435 (a) may assist a pharmacist, pharmacist preceptor, pharmacy intern, or licensed
436 pharmacy technician in nonjudgmental duties not included in the definition of the practice of
437 pharmacy, practice of a pharmacy intern, or practice of a licensed pharmacy technician, and as
438 those duties may be further defined by division rule adopted in collaboration with the board;
439 and

440 (b) are supervised by a pharmacist in accordance with rules adopted by the division in
441 collaboration with the board.

442 (73) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501
443 and 58-17b-501.

444 (74) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections
445 58-1-501 and 58-17b-502 and may be further defined by rule.

446 (75) "Veterinary pharmaceutical facility" means a pharmaceutical facility that
447 dispenses drugs intended for use by animals or for sale to veterinarians for the administration
448 for animals.

449 Section 2. Section 58-17b-306 is amended to read:

450 **58-17b-306. Qualifications for licensure as a pharmacy.**

451 (1) Each applicant for licensure under this section, except for those applying for a class
452 D license, shall:

453 (a) submit a written application in the form prescribed by the division;

454 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

455 (c) satisfy the division that the applicant, and each owner, officer, or manager of the
456 applicant have not engaged in any act, practice, or omission, which when considered with the
457 duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this section indicates there is cause to believe
458 that issuing a license to the applicant is inconsistent with the interest of the public's health,
459 safety, or welfare;

460 (d) demonstrate the licensee's operations will be in accordance with all federal, state,
461 and local laws relating to the type of activity engaged in by the licensee, including regulations
462 of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and Food and Drug Administration;

463 (e) maintain operating standards established by division rule made in collaboration
464 with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
465 Act;

466 (f) for each pharmacy [~~manager, submit~~] license, ensure that the pharmacist in charge,
467 as defined by the division, submits fingerprint cards and [consent] consents to a fingerprint
468 background check in accordance with Section 58-17b-307; and

469 (g) acknowledge the division's authority to inspect the licensee's business premises
470 pursuant to Section 58-17b-103.

471 (2) Each applicant applying for a class D license shall:

472 (a) submit a written application in the form prescribed by the division;

473 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

474 (c) present to the division verification of licensure in the state where physically located
475 and verification that such license is in good standing;

476 (d) satisfy the division that the applicant and each of the applicant's pharmacy
477 managers has not engaged in any act, practice, or omission, which when considered with the
478 duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this section, indicates there is cause to believe
479 that issuing a license to the applicant is inconsistent with the interest of the public's health,
480 safety, or welfare;

481 (e) for each pharmacy manager, submit fingerprint cards and consent to a fingerprint
482 background check in accordance with Section 58-17b-307;

483 (f) provide a statement of the scope of pharmacy services that will be provided and a
484 detailed description of the protocol as described by rule by which pharmacy care will be
485 provided, including any collaborative practice arrangements with other health care
486 practitioners;

487 (g) sign an affidavit attesting that any healthcare practitioners employed by the
488 applicant and physically located in Utah have the appropriate license issued by the division and
489 in good standing;

490 (h) sign an affidavit attesting that the applicant will abide by the pharmacy laws and

491 regulations of the jurisdiction in which the pharmacy is located; and

492 (i) if an applicant engages in compounding, submit the most recent inspection report:

493 (i) conducted within two years before the application for licensure; and

494 (ii) (A) conducted as part of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Verified

495 Pharmacy Program; or

496 (B) performed by the state licensing agency of the state in which the applicant is a
497 resident and in accordance with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy multistate
498 inspection blueprint program.

499 (3) (a) Each license issued under this section shall be ~~[issued for]~~ associated with a
500 single, specific address~~[, and is not transferable or assignable].~~

501 (b) By rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G,
502 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall allow a licensee to update,
503 by request to the division, the address associated with the licensee under Subsection (3)(a), to a
504 new address if the licensee requests the change of address at least 90 days before the day on
505 which the licensee begins operating at the new address.

506 Section 3. Section **58-17b-603** is amended to read:

507 **58-17b-603. Identification of pharmacy personnel.**

508 [(+)] All individuals employed in a pharmacy facility having any contact with the
509 public or patients receiving services from that pharmacy facility shall wear on their person a
510 clearly visible and readable identification showing the individual's name and position.

511 [~~(2) When communicating by any means, written, verbal, or electronic, pharmacy~~
512 ~~personnel must identify themselves as to licensure classification.]~~

513 Section 4. Section **58-17b-610.6** is amended to read:

514 **58-17b-610.6. Hospital pharmacy dispensing prescription drugs.**

515 (1) As used in this section, "controlled substance" means a substance classified as a
516 controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act, Title II, Pub. L. No. 91-513 et seq.,
517 or Section [58-37-4](#).

518 [(+)] (2) (a) [~~The~~] Subject to Subsection (2)(b), the division shall make rules, in
519 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, in consultation
520 with hospital pharmacies, to establish guidelines under which a hospital pharmacy may
521 dispense [~~a limited supply~~] no more than a two-day supply of a prescription drug to an

522 individual who is no longer a patient in the hospital setting if:

523 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) the individual is discharged from the hospital on the same day that the hospital
524 pharmacy dispenses the prescription drug to the individual;

525 (ii) in the professional judgment of the practitioner, dispensing the drug is necessary
526 for the patient's immediate needs;

527 ~~[(b)]~~ (iii) the class A pharmacy with which the patient has an established
528 pharmacy-patient relationship:

529 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) is not open at the time of the patient's discharge; or

530 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) unable to dispense the medication for any reason;

531 ~~[(c)]~~ (iv) the hospital pharmacy dispenses a quantity of the prescription drug that is not
532 more than a 72-hour supply; and

533 ~~[(d)]~~ (v) dispensing the prescription drug complies with protocols established by the
534 hospital pharmacy.

535 (b) (i) A hospital pharmacy may dispense an opioid antagonist to a patient without
536 satisfying Subsection (2)(a)(iii).

537 (ii) A hospital pharmacy that dispenses an opioid antagonist to a patient under
538 Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall accept as payment the wholesale acquisition cost at the time of
539 dispensing.

540 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) A hospital pharmacy, or a practitioner or pharmacist in the hospital, may
541 dispense a prescription drug in accordance with rules made under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2).

542 Section 5. Section **58-17b-613** is amended to read:

543 **58-17b-613. Patient counseling.**

544 (1) A pharmacy shall verbally offer to counsel a patient or a patient's agent in a
545 personal face-to-face discussion regarding each prescription drug dispensed, if the patient or
546 patient's agent:

547 (a) delivers the prescription in person to the pharmacist or pharmacy intern; or

548 (b) receives the drug in person at the time it is dispensed at the pharmacy facility.

549 (2) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern at a pharmacy that receives a prescription from a
550 patient by means other than personal delivery, and that dispenses ~~[prescription drugs]~~ a
551 prescribed drug to the patient by means other than personal delivery, shall provide the patient
552 with:

553 ~~[(a) provide patient counseling to a patient regarding each prescription drug the~~
554 ~~pharmacy dispenses; and]~~

555 (a) a toll-free telephone number at which the patient may contact a pharmacist or
556 pharmacy intern at the pharmacy for patient counseling regarding the prescribed drug; or

557 ~~(b) [provide each patient with a toll-free telephone number by which the patient can] a~~
558 telephone number by which the patient may contact a pharmacist or pharmacy intern at the
559 pharmacy for [counseling] patient counseling regarding the prescribed drug.

560 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (1) and (2), a pharmacist or a
561 pharmacy intern may provide patient counseling to an individual under the jurisdiction of the
562 Utah Department of Corrections or a county detention facility via a written, telephone, or
563 electronic communication.

564 Section 6. Section **58-17b-614** is amended to read:

565 **58-17b-614. Notification.**

566 (1) A pharmacy shall report in writing to the division not later than 10 business days:

567 (a) before the date of:

568 (i) a permanent closure of the pharmacy facility;

569 (ii) a change of business name or ownership of the pharmacy facility;

570 (iii) a change of location of the pharmacy facility;

571 (iv) a sale or transfer of any controlled substance as a result of the permanent closing or
572 change of ownership of the pharmacy facility; or

573 (v) any matter or occurrence that the division requires by rule to be reported; or

574 (b) after the day on which:

575 (i) a final administrative disciplinary order is issued against the pharmacy license

576 holder by the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which the pharmacy is located if the
577 pharmacy is a class D pharmacy;

578 (ii) a final order against a pharmacist is issued who is designated as the
579 pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy by the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in
580 which the pharmacy is located if the pharmacy is a class D pharmacy; or

581 (iii) any matter or occurrence that the division requires by rule to be reported.

582 (2) The division may grant a licensee's request to change the business name registered
583 to a licensed pharmacy facility, if there has been no change in the underlying ownership or

584 control of the pharmacy since the last time the business name of the pharmacy was registered
585 or changed.

586 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) A pharmacy shall report in writing to the division a disaster, accident, or
587 emergency that may affect the purity or labeling of a drug, medication, device, or other material
588 used in the diagnosis or treatment of injury, illness, or disease immediately upon the occurrence
589 of the disaster, accident, or emergency as defined by rule.

590 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A reporting pharmacy shall maintain a copy of any notification required by
591 this section for two years and make a copy available for inspection.

592 Section 7. Section **58-17b-622** is amended to read:

593 **58-17b-622. Pharmacy benefit management services -- Auditing of pharmacy**
594 **records -- Appeals.**

595 (1) For purposes of this section:

596 (a) "Audit" means a review of the records of a pharmacy by or on behalf of an entity
597 that finances or reimburses the cost of health care services or pharmaceutical products.

598 (b) "Audit completion date" means:

599 (i) for an audit that does not require an on-site visit at the pharmacy, the date on which
600 the pharmacy, in response to the initial audit request, submits records or other documents to the
601 entity conducting the audit, as determined by:

602 (A) postmark or other evidence of the date of mailing; or

603 (B) the date of transmission if the records or other documents are transmitted
604 electronically; and

605 (ii) for an audit that requires an on-site visit at a pharmacy, the date on which the
606 auditing entity completes the on-site visit, including any follow-up visits or analysis which
607 shall be completed within 60 days after the day on which the on-site visit begins.

608 (c) "Entity" includes:

609 (i) a pharmacy benefits manager or coordinator;

610 (ii) a health benefit plan;

611 (iii) a third party administrator as defined in Section [31A-1-301](#);

612 (iv) a state agency; or

613 (v) a company, group, or agent that represents, or is engaged by, one of the entities
614 described in Subsections (1)(c)(i) through (iv).

615 (d) "Fraud" means an intentional act of deception, misrepresentation, or concealment in
616 order to gain something of value.

617 (e) "Health benefit plan" means:

618 (i) a health benefit plan as defined in Section 31A-1-301; or

619 (ii) a health, dental, medical, Medicare supplement, or conversion program offered
620 under Title 49, Chapter 20, Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act.

621 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), this section applies to:

622 (i) a contract for the audit of a pharmacy entered into, amended, or renewed on or after
623 July 1, 2012; and

624 (ii) an entity that conducts an audit of the pharmacy records of a pharmacy licensed
625 under this chapter.

626 (b) This section does not apply to an audit of pharmacy records:

627 (i) for a federally funded prescription drug program, including:

628 (A) the state Medicaid program;

629 (B) the Medicare Part D program;

630 (C) a Department of Defense prescription drug program; and

631 (D) a Veterans Affairs prescription drug program; or

632 (ii) when fraud or other intentional and willful misrepresentation is alleged and the
633 pharmacy audit entity has evidence that the pharmacy's actions reasonably indicate fraud or
634 intentional and willful misrepresentation.

635 (3) (a) An audit that involves clinical or professional judgment shall be conducted by
636 or in consultation with a pharmacist who is employed by or working with the auditing entity
637 and who is licensed in the state or another state.

638 (b) If an audit is conducted on site at a pharmacy, the entity conducting the audit:

639 (i) shall give the pharmacy 10 days advanced written notice of:

640 (A) the audit; and

641 (B) the range of prescription numbers or a date range included in the audit; and

642 (ii) may not audit a pharmacy during the first five business days of the month, unless
643 the pharmacy agrees to the timing of the audit.

644 (c) An entity may not audit claims:

645 (i) submitted more than 18 months prior to the audit, unless:

- 646 (A) required by federal law; or
647 (B) the originating prescription is dated in the preceding six months; or
648 (ii) that exceed 200 selected prescription claims.
- 649 (4) (a) An entity may not:
650 (i) include dispensing fees in the calculations of overpayments unless the prescription
651 is considered a misfill;
652 (ii) recoup funds for prescription clerical or recordkeeping errors, including
653 typographical errors, scrivener's errors, and computer errors on a required document or record
654 unless the audit entity is alleging fraud or other intentional or willful misrepresentation and the
655 audit entity has evidence that the pharmacy's actions reasonably indicate fraud or intentional
656 and willful misrepresentation;
657 (iii) recoup funds for refills dispensed in accordance with Section [58-17b-608.1](#), unless
658 the health benefit plan does not cover the prescription drug dispensed by the pharmacy;
659 (iv) collect any funds, charge-backs, or penalties until the audit and all appeals are
660 final, unless the audit entity is alleging fraud or other intentional or willful misrepresentation
661 and the audit entity has evidence that the pharmacy's actions reasonably indicate fraud or
662 intentional and willful misrepresentation; or
663 (v) recoup funds or collect any funds, charge-backs, or penalties from a pharmacy in
664 response to a request for audit unless the pharmacy confirms to the entity the date on which the
665 pharmacy received the request for audit.
- 666 (b) Auditors shall only have access to previous audit reports on a particular pharmacy
667 if the previous audit was conducted by the same entity except as required for compliance with
668 state or federal law.
- 669 (5) A pharmacy subject to an audit:
670 (a) may use one or more of the following to validate a claim for a prescription, refill, or
671 change in a prescription:
672 (i) electronic or physical copies of records of a health care facility, or a health care
673 provider with prescribing authority;
674 (ii) any prescription that complies with state law;
675 (iii) the pharmacy's own physical or electronic records; or
676 (iv) the physical or electronic records, or valid copies of the physical or electronic

677 records, of a practitioner or health care facility as defined in Section 26B-2-201; and

678 (b) may not be required to provide the following records to validate a claim for a
679 prescription, refill, or change in a prescription:

680 (i) if the prescription was handwritten, the physical handwritten version of the
681 prescription; or

682 (ii) a note from the practitioner regarding the patient or the prescription that is not
683 otherwise required for a prescription under state or federal law.

684 (6) (a) (i) An entity that audits a pharmacy shall establish:

685 (A) a maximum time for the pharmacy to submit records or other documents to the
686 entity following receipt of an audit request for records or documents; and

687 (B) a maximum time for the entity to provide the pharmacy with a preliminary audit
688 report following submission of records under Subsection (6)(a)(i)(A).

689 (ii) The time limits established under Subsections (6)(a)(i)(A) and (B):

690 (A) shall be identical; and

691 (B) may not be less than seven days or more than 60 days.

692 (iii) An entity that audits a pharmacy may not, after the audit completion date, request
693 additional records or other documents from the pharmacy to complete the preliminary audit
694 report described in Subsection (6)(b).

695 (b) An entity that audits a pharmacy shall provide the pharmacy with a preliminary
696 audit report, delivered to the pharmacy or its corporate office of record, within the time limit
697 established under Subsection (6)(a)(i)(B).

698 (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(c)(ii), a pharmacy has 30 days following
699 receipt of the preliminary audit report to respond to questions, provide additional
700 documentation, and comment on and clarify findings of the audit.

701 (ii) An entity may grant a reasonable extension under Subsection (6)(c)(i) upon request
702 by the pharmacy.

703 (iii) Receipt of the report under Subsection (6)(c)(i) shall be determined by:

704 (A) postmark or other evidence of the date of mailing; or

705 (B) the date of transmission if the report is transmitted electronically.

706 (iv) If a dispute exists between the records of the auditing entity and the pharmacy, the
707 records maintained by the pharmacy shall be presumed valid for the purpose of the audit.

708 (7) If an audit results in the dispute or denial of a claim, the entity conducting the audit
709 shall allow:

710 (a) the pharmacy to resubmit a claim using any commercially reasonable method,
711 including fax, mail, or electronic claims submission provided that the period of time when a
712 claim may be resubmitted has not expired under the rules of the plan sponsor; and

713 (b) the health benefit plan or other entity that finances or reimburses the cost of health
714 care services or pharmaceutical products to rerun the claim if the health benefit plan or other
715 entity chooses to rerun the claim at no cost to the pharmacy.

716 (8) (a) Within 60 days after the completion of the appeals process under Subsection
717 (9), a final audit report shall be delivered to the pharmacy or its corporate office of record.

718 (b) The final audit report shall include a disclosure of any money recovered by the
719 entity that conducted the audit.

720 (9) (a) An entity that audits a pharmacy shall establish a written appeals process for
721 appealing a preliminary audit report and a final audit report, and shall provide the pharmacy
722 with notice of the written appeals process.

723 (b) If the pharmacy benefit manager's contract or provider manual contains the
724 information required by this Subsection (9), the requirement for notice is met.

725 (10) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
726 the department may make rules prescribing the administration of this section.

727 Section 8. Section **58-88-202** is amended to read:

728 **58-88-202. Dispensing practice -- Drugs that may be dispensed -- Limitations and**
729 **exceptions.**

730 (1) Notwithstanding Section **58-17b-302**, a dispensing practitioner may dispense a drug
731 at a licensed dispensing practice if the drug is:

732 (a) packaged in a fixed quantity per package by:

733 (i) the drug manufacturer;

734 (ii) a pharmaceutical wholesaler or distributor; or

735 (iii) a pharmacy licensed under Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;

736 (b) dispensed:

737 (i) at a licensed dispensing practice at which the dispensing practitioner regularly
738 practices; and

- 739 (ii) under a prescription issued by the dispensing practitioner to the dispensing
740 practitioner's patient;
- 741 (c) for a condition that is not expected to last longer than 30 days; and
742 (d) for a condition for which the patient has been evaluated by the dispensing
743 practitioner on the same day on which the dispensing practitioner dispenses the drug.
- 744 (2) A dispensing practitioner may not dispense:
- 745 (a) a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
746 (b) a drug or class of drugs that is designated by the division under Subsection
747 58-88-205(2);
748 (c) gabapentin; or
749 (d) a supply of a drug under this part that exceeds a 30-day supply.
- 750 (3) A dispensing practitioner may not make a claim against workers' compensation or
751 automobile insurance for a drug dispensed under this part for outpatient use unless the
752 dispensing practitioner is contracted with a pharmacy network established by the claim payor.
- 753 (4) When a dispensing practitioner dispenses a drug to the patient under this part, a
754 dispensing practitioner shall:
- 755 (a) disclose to the patient verbally and in writing that the patient is not required to fill
756 the prescription through the licensed dispensing practice and that the patient has a right to fill
757 the prescription through a pharmacy; and
- 758 (b) if the patient will be responsible to pay cash for the drug, disclose:
- 759 (i) that the patient will be responsible to pay cash for the drug; and
760 (ii) the amount that the patient will be charged by the licensed dispensing practice for
761 the drug.
- 762 (5) This part does not:
- 763 (a) require a dispensing practitioner to dispense a drug under this part;
764 (b) limit a health care prescriber from dispensing under Chapter 17b, Part 8,
765 Dispensing Medical Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy; or
766 (c) apply to a physician who dispenses:
- 767 (i) a drug sample, as defined in Section 58-17b-102, to a patient in accordance with
768 Section 58-1-501.3 or Section 58-17b-610; or
769 ~~[(ii) a prescription drug or device to a patient for a patient's immediate need in an~~

770 emergency department in accordance with Section ~~58-17b-610.5~~; or]

771 [(iii)] (ii) a drug in an emergency situation as defined by the division in rule under

772 Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act.

773 Section 9. **Repealer.**

774 This bill repeals:

775 Section ~~58-17b-610.5~~, **Dispensing in emergency department -- Patient's immediate**

776 **need.**

777 Section 10. **Effective date.**

778 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.