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pharmacists; collaborative practice agreements

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1970, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1970, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1970. Collaborative practice agreements; requirements;
5 rules; definitions

6 A. A pharmacist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter may enter
7 into a collaborative practice agreement with a provider pursuant to this
8 section to initiate, monitor and modify drug therapy or provide disease
9 management assistance. The collaborative practice agreement may be
10 between one or more pharmacists and one or more providers. The
11 collaborative practice agreement shall:

12 1. Outline the duties related to drug therapy and disease
13 management that the provider is delegating to the pharmacist to perform,
14 including drug therapy that the pharmacist may initiate, monitor and
15 modify and laboratory tests that the pharmacist may order, and the
16 eligible group of patients that may be treated under the collaborative
17 practice agreement.

18 2. Specify, at a minimum, the conditions to be managed by the
19 pharmacist through disease management and drug therapy management, the
20 circumstances for which the pharmacist must notify the provider and any
21 documentation or recordkeeping requirements.

22 3. Specify that the pharmacist must follow the written drug therapy
23 and disease management guidelines provided by the provider and may provide
24 drug therapy and disease management services only pursuant to those
25 guidelines. The guidelines shall specify, at a minimum, the specific
26 drug, drugs or drug classes and the conditions to be managed by the
27 pharmacist, the conditions and events for which the pharmacist must notify
28 the provider and the laboratory tests the pharmacist may order.

29 B. A provider who enters into a collaborative practice agreement
30 under this section must have a previously established provider-patient
31 relationship with a patient in order for that patient to be a part of the
32 eligible group of patients who may be included under the collaborative
33 practice agreement.

34 C. A licensee who violates this section commits an act of
35 unprofessional conduct.

36 D. A pharmacist is responsible for the pharmacist's negligent acts
37 that are the result of the clinical decisions made pursuant to the
38 collaborative practice agreement. This subsection does not limit a
39 provider's liability for negligent acts that are not related to a
40 pharmacist's change of medication pursuant to the collaborative practice
41 agreement.

42 E. The pharmacist shall maintain a copy of the collaborative
43 practice agreement and make the collaborative practice agreement available
44 to the board on request.

1 F. The Arizona state board of pharmacy, the Arizona medical board,
2 the Arizona board of osteopathic examiners in medicine and surgery and the
3 Arizona state board of nursing may adopt rules relating to collaborative
4 practice agreements.

5 G. For the purposes of this section:

6 1. "Collaborative practice agreement" means an agreement between a
7 pharmacist and a provider that outlines the drug therapy and disease
8 management services, including initiating, monitoring and modifying
9 prescription drug and laboratory test orders, that are authorized by the
10 provider and delegated to the pharmacist for the purposes of drug therapy
11 management or disease management based on the pharmacist's skills or
12 training.

13 2. Initiate, monitor and modify does not include a pharmacist's
14 selection of drug products that are not prescribed by the provider unless
15 the selection of specific drug products is authorized by the collaborative
16 practice agreement.

17 3. "Provider" means a physician who is licensed pursuant to chapter
18 13 or 17 of this title, ~~or~~ a registered nurse practitioner OR CERTIFIED
19 NURSE MIDWIFE who is licensed pursuant to chapter 15 of this title OR A
20 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 25 OF THE TITLE.