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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing pharmacists to dispense HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7-a of section 6527 of the education law, as  
2 added by chapter 502 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 7-a. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific  
4 order or non-patient specific order to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant  
5 to regulations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with the  
6 commissioner of health, and consistent with the public health law, for  
7 dispensing up to a seven day starter pack of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis  
8 for the purpose of preventing human immunodeficiency virus  
9 infection following a potential human immunodeficiency virus exposure. A  
10 licensed physician may also prescribe and order a patient specific or  
11 non-patient specific order to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of health, and consistent with the public health law and section sixty-eight hundred one of this title, for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, provided, however, that the regulations promulgated pursuant to this subdivision shall require that the HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis authorized to be dispensed by a licensed pharmacist shall provide for at least  
12 a thirty-day, but no more than a sixty-day, supply of such prophylaxis.

19 § 2. Subdivision 8 of section 6909 of the education law, as added by  
20 chapter 502 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

21 8. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient  
22 specific order or non-patient specific order to a licensed pharmacist,  
23 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation  
24 with the commissioner of health, and consistent with the public health

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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2 prophylaxis for the purpose of preventing human immunodeficiency virus  
3 infection following a potential human immunodeficiency virus exposure. A  
4 certified nurse practitioner may also prescribe and order a patient  
5 specific or non-patient specific order to a licensed pharmacist, pursu-  
6 ant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with  
7 the commissioner of health, and consistent with the public health law  
8 and section sixty-eight hundred one of this title, for HIV pre-exposure  
9 prophylaxis, provided, however, that the regulations promulgated pursu-  
10 ant to this subdivision shall require that the HIV pre-exposure prophy-  
11 laxis authorized to be dispensed by a licensed pharmacist shall provide  
12 for at least a thirty-day, but no more than a sixty-day, supply of such  
13 prophylaxis.

14 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 6801 of the education law, as added by  
15 chapter 502 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivision 6 is  
16 added to read as follows:

17 5. A licensed pharmacist may execute a non-patient specific order, for  
18 dispensing up to a seven day starter pack of HIV post-exposure prophy-  
19 laxis medications for the purpose of preventing human immunodeficiency  
20 virus infection, by a physician licensed in this state or nurse practi-  
21 tioner certified in this state, pursuant to rules and regulations  
22 promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of  
23 health following a potential human immunodeficiency virus exposure. The  
24 pharmacist shall also inform the patient of the availability of pre-ex-  
25 posure prophylaxis for persons who are at substantial risk of acquiring  
26 HIV.

27 6. A licensed pharmacist may execute a non-patient specific order, for  
28 dispensing HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, pursuant to rules and regu-  
29 lations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with the commis-  
30 sioner of health provided, however, that the rules and regulations  
31 promulgated pursuant to this subdivision shall require that the HIV  
32 pre-exposure prophylaxis authorized to be dispensed by a licensed phar-  
33 macist shall provide for at least a thirty-day, but no more than a  
34 sixty-day, supply of such prophylaxis. And provided, further, that the  
35 following conditions shall be met before a pharmacist may dispense pre-  
36 exposure prophylaxis:

37 (a) The pharmacist has completed a training program created by the  
38 department of health on the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis. The train-  
39 ing program shall educate pharmacists about the requirements of this  
40 subdivision, the risks and side effects of the medication, patient  
41 insurance and cost burdens, and any other information such department  
42 deems necessary or important;

43 (b) The patient is HIV negative, as documented by a negative HIV test  
44 result obtained within the previous seven days from an HIV  
45 antigen/antibody test or antibody-only test or from a rapid, point-of-  
46 care fingerstick blood test approved by the federal food and drug admin-  
47 istration. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV  
48 test in accordance with this paragraph, the pharmacist may recommend an  
49 HIV test. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharma-  
50 cist shall direct the patient to a licensed physician and provide the  
51 patient with a list of health care service providers and clinics within  
52 the county where the pharmacist is located or adjacent counties;

53 (c) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV  
54 infection on a self-reported checklist of acute HIV infection signs and  
55 symptoms;

1     (d) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medica-  
2     tions;

3     (e) The pharmacist does not furnish more than a sixty-day supply of  
4     pre-exposure prophylaxis to a single patient more than once every two  
5     years, unless directed otherwise by a prescriber.

6     (f) The pharmacist provides written information, published by the  
7     department of health, to the patient on the ongoing use of pre-exposure  
8     prophylaxis, which may include education about side effects, safety  
9     during pregnancy and breastfeeding, adherence to recommended dosing, and  
10    the importance of timely testing and treatment, as applicable, for HIV,  
11    renal function, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, sexually transmitted diseases,  
12    and pregnancy for individuals of child-bearing capacity. The pharmacist  
13    shall notify the patient that the patient must be seen by a licensed  
14    physician to receive subsequent prescriptions for pre-exposure prophy-  
15    laxis; and

16    (g) The pharmacist provides information, with the patient's consent,  
17    to the patient or, when the patient lacks capacity to consent, a person  
18    authorized to consent to health care for such individual, on the impor-  
19    tance of having a health care provider, developed by the commissioner of  
20    health, and if the patient does not have a health care provider the  
21    pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of licensed physicians,  
22    clinics, or other health care service providers within the county where  
23    the pharmacist is located or adjacent counties.

24    § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
25    it shall have become a law; provided, however, the amendments to section  
26    6801 of the education law made by section three of this act shall not  
27    affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire  
28    therewith. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal  
29    of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act  
30    on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.