

CHAPTER 103

REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

S.F. 296

AN ACT relating to the practice of pharmacy, including the prescription and administration of vaccines and collaborative pharmacy practice.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 155A.46, subsection 1](#), paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) An immunization or vaccination for COVID-19 as defined in [section 686D.2](#).

Sec. 2. [Section 155A.46, subsection 1](#), Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* A pharmacist may, pursuant to statewide protocols developed by the board in consultation with the department of public health and consistent with [subsection 2](#), order and administer the following to patients ages six years and older:

(1) Point-of-care testing and treatment for influenza, streptococcus A, and COVID-19 as defined in [section 686D.2](#) at the point of interaction between a pharmacist and a patient.

(2) Point-of-care testing at the point of interaction between a pharmacist and a patient in response to a public health emergency.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **155A.47 Collaborative pharmacy practice — agreements — payment.**

1. For the purposes of [this section](#):

a. “*Collaborative pharmacy practice*” means a practice of pharmacy whereby a pharmacist provides patient care and drug therapy management services not otherwise permitted to be performed by a pharmacist to patients under a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement with another pharmacist or practitioner which defines the nature, scope, conditions, and limitations of the patient care and drug therapy management services to be provided by a pharmacist in order to ensure that a patient achieves the desired outcomes.

b. “*Health benefit plan*” means the same as defined in [section 514J.102](#).

c. “*Health carrier*” means the same as defined in [section 514J.102](#).

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist may engage in a collaborative pharmacy practice, in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) and under a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement, to provide patient care and drug therapy management services to a patient.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of a health benefit plan to the contrary, whenever a health benefit plan provides for payment or reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a practitioner or pharmacist and the service is provided by a pharmacist pursuant to a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement under [this section](#), the health carrier may provide payment or reimbursement for the service.

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