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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a continuing quality
2 improvement program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.40 CONTINUOUS QUALITY
2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

3 1. Each licensed pharmacy shall implement a continuous
4 quality improvement program to review pharmacy procedures in
5 order to identify methods for addressing pharmacy medication
6 errors and for improving patient use of medications and
7 patient care services. Under the program, each pharmacy shall
8 assess its practices and identify areas for quality
9 improvement. The program shall comply with rules adopted by
10 the board.

11 2. The board shall adopt rules for the administration of
12 the continuous quality improvement program. The rules shall
13 address all of the following:

- 14 a. Program requirements and procedures.
- 15 b. Program record and reporting requirements.
- 16 c. Any other provisions necessary for the administration
17 of the program.

18 3. Any record or reports generated solely for and
19 maintained by a pharmacy as a component of the pharmacy's
20 continuous quality improvement program shall not be subject to
21 discovery in any civil proceeding. However, this subsection
22 shall not be interpreted to prohibit the board or other
23 authorized government agency from reviewing or having access
24 to the records or reports as necessary to protect the public
25 health and safety.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires each licensed pharmacy to implement a
28 continuous quality improvement program to review pharmacy
29 procedures in order to identify methods for addressing
30 medication errors and for improving patient use of medications
31 and patient care services. Under the program, each pharmacy
32 is to assess its practices and identify areas for quality
33 improvement. The program is required to comply with rules
34 adopted by the board that include program requirements and
35 procedures, program record and reporting requirements and

1 other provisions necessary for the administration of the
2 program. The bill provides that records and reports generated
3 solely for and maintained by a pharmacy as a component of the
4 pharmacy's continuous quality improvement program are not
5 subject to discovery in any civil proceeding, but this
6 protection is not to be interpreted to prohibit the board or
7 other authorized government agency from reviewing or having
8 access to the records or reports as necessary to protect the
9 public health and safety.

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