

Senate File 123 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to collaborative pharmacy practice allowing
2 pharmacists to provide patient care and drug therapy
3 management services.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.47 Collaborative pharmacy
2 practice — agreements — payment.

3 1. For the purposes of this section:

4 a. "*Collaborative pharmacy practice*" means a practice of
5 pharmacy whereby a pharmacist provides patient care and drug
6 therapy management services, not otherwise permitted to be
7 performed by a pharmacist, to patients under a collaborative
8 pharmacy practice agreement.

9 b. "*Collaborative pharmacy practice agreement*" means a
10 written agreement between one or more pharmacists and one or
11 more practitioners that provides for a collaborative pharmacy
12 practice and defines the nature, scope, conditions, and
13 limitations of the patient care and drug therapy management
14 services to be provided by a pharmacist in order to ensure that
15 a patient achieves the desired outcomes.

16 c. "*Health benefit plan*" means the same as defined in
17 section 514J.102.

18 d. "*Health carrier*" means the same as defined in section
19 514J.102.

20 2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
21 pharmacist may engage in a collaborative pharmacy practice, in
22 accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to chapter
23 17A and under a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement, to
24 provide patient care and drug therapy management services to
25 a patient including but not limited to a patient following a
26 behavioral health diagnosis by a practitioner.

27 3. Notwithstanding any provision of a health benefit plan
28 to the contrary, whenever a health benefit plan provides for
29 payment or reimbursement for a service that is within the
30 lawful scope of practice of a practitioner or pharmacist
31 and the service is provided by a pharmacist pursuant to a
32 collaborative pharmacy practice agreement under this section,
33 the health carrier may provide payment or reimbursement for the
34 service.

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EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill allows a pharmacist to engage in a collaborative
4 pharmacy practice, in accordance with administrative rules
5 adopted by the board of pharmacy and under a collaborative
6 pharmacy practice agreement, to provide patient care and drug
7 therapy management services to a patient including a patient
8 following a behavioral health diagnosis by a practitioner.
9 The bill also provides that if a health benefit plan provides
10 for payment or reimbursement for a service that is within
11 the lawful scope of practice of a practitioner or pharmacist
12 and the service is provided by a pharmacist pursuant to a
13 collaborative pharmacy practice agreement, the health carrier
14 may provide payment or reimbursement for the service. The bill
15 provides definitions used in the bill including "collaborative
16 pharmacy practice" and "collaborative pharmacy practice
17 agreement".