

Senate File 2318 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 123)

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.

35 4. This section shall not apply to the medical assistance

1 program pursuant to chapter 249A, including to a managed care
2 organization acting pursuant to a contract with the department
3 of human services to provide coverage to medical assistance
4 program members, or to the hawk-i program pursuant to chapter
5 514I.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill allows a pharmacist to engage in a collaborative
10 pharmacy practice, in accordance with administrative rules
11 adopted by the board of pharmacy and under a collaborative
12 pharmacy practice agreement, to provide patient care and drug
13 therapy management services to a patient including a patient
14 following a behavioral health diagnosis by a practitioner.
15 The bill also provides that if a health benefit plan provides
16 for payment or reimbursement for a service that is within
17 the lawful scope of practice of a practitioner or pharmacist
18 and the service is provided by a pharmacist pursuant to a
19 collaborative pharmacy practice agreement, the health carrier
20 may provide payment or reimbursement for the service. The bill
21 provides definitions used in the bill including "collaborative
22 pharmacy practice" and "collaborative pharmacy practice
23 agreement". The bill does not apply to the medical assistance
24 program or to the hawk-i program.