

**House File 2056 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the dispensing of hydroxychloroquine and  
2 ivermectin through a standing order in the state.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 155A.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. "Department" means the department of  
4 public health.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 45A. "Standing order" means a preauthorized  
6 medication order with specific instructions from the medical  
7 director of the department to dispense a medication under clearly  
8 defined circumstances.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **155A.49 Pharmacist dispensing of**  
10 **hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin — standing order —**  
11 **requirements — limitations of liability.**

12 1. The medical director of the department shall establish a  
13 standing order authorizing the dispensing of hydroxychloroquine  
14 and ivermectin by a pharmacist.

15 2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
16 a pharmacist shall dispense hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin to  
17 a patient who is at least eighteen years of age, upon the  
18 request of a patient, pursuant to a standing order established  
19 by the medical director of the department in accordance with this  
20 section.

21 b. A pharmacist who dispenses hydroxychloroquine or  
22 ivermectin in accordance with this section shall provide the  
23 patient with the manufacturer's label instructions for the drug  
24 at the time the drug is dispensed.

25 c. A pharmacist who dispenses hydroxychloroquine or  
26 ivermectin in accordance with this section shall not do any of  
27 the following:

28 (1) Require any other prescription drug order authorized by a  
29 practitioner or require the scheduling of an appointment with the  
30 pharmacist prior to the dispensing of the hydroxychloroquine or  
31 ivermectin to a patient.

32 (2) Maintain a record of the pharmacist's encounter with the  
33 patient.

34 3. A pharmacist who dispenses hydroxychloroquine or  
35 ivermectin and the medical director of the department who

1 establishes a standing order in compliance with this section  
2 shall be immune from criminal and civil liability arising from  
3 any damages caused by the dispensing or use of hydroxychloroquine  
4 or ivermectin or the establishment of the standing order. The  
5 medical director of the department shall be considered to be  
6 acting within the scope of the medical director's office and  
7 employment for purposes of chapter 669 in the establishment of  
8 a standing order in compliance with this section.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill requires the medical director of the department  
13 of public health to establish a standing order authorizing the  
14 dispensing of hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin by a pharmacist.  
15 The bill requires a pharmacist to dispense hydroxychloroquine  
16 or ivermectin to a patient who is at least 18 years of age,  
17 upon the request of a patient, pursuant to a standing order  
18 established by the medical director. The pharmacist shall  
19 provide the patient with the manufacturer's label instructions  
20 for the drug at the time the drug is dispensed. A pharmacist  
21 who dispenses hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin in accordance with  
22 the bill shall not require any other prescription drug order  
23 authorized by a practitioner or require a patient to schedule  
24 an appointment with the pharmacist prior to the dispensing of  
25 the hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin to the patient, or maintain  
26 a record of the pharmacist's encounter with the patient. A  
27 pharmacist who dispenses hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin and the  
28 medical director of the department who establishes a standing  
29 order in compliance with the bill shall be immune from criminal  
30 and civil liability arising from any damages caused by the  
31 dispensing or use of the hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin or the  
32 establishment of the standing order. The medical director of  
33 the department shall be considered to be acting within the scope  
34 of the medical director's office and employment for purposes of  
35 Code chapter 669 (state tort claims) in the establishment of a

1 standing order in compliance with the bill.

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