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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to pharmacists; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 353.1, which relates to definitions; modifying definitions; modifying pharmacists scope of practice; allowing for testing or screening of certain medical conditions; providing conditions; providing guidelines; allowing for dispensing certain drugs; directing the Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain regulations; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 353.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 353.1 For the purposes of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act:

1. "Accredited program" means those seminars, classes, meetings, work projects, and other educational courses approved by the Board for purposes of continuing professional education;
2. "Act" means the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;
3. "Administer" means the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient;

1 4. "Assistant pharmacist" means any person presently licensed
2 as an assistant pharmacist in the State of Oklahoma by the Board
3 pursuant to Section 353.10 of this title and for the purposes of the
4 Oklahoma Pharmacy Act shall be considered the same as a pharmacist,
5 except where otherwise specified;

6 5. "Board" or "State Board" means the State Board of Pharmacy;

7 6. "Certify" or "certification of a prescription" means the
8 review of a filled prescription by a licensed pharmacist or a
9 licensed practitioner with dispensing authority to confirm that the
10 medication, labeling and packaging of the filled prescription are
11 accurate and meet all requirements prescribed by state and federal
12 law. For the purposes of this paragraph, "licensed practitioner"
13 shall not include optometrists with dispensing authority;

14 7. "Chemical" means any medicinal substance, whether simple or
15 compound or obtained through the process of the science and art of
16 chemistry, whether of organic or inorganic origin;

17 8. "Compounding" means the combining, admixing, mixing,
18 diluting, pooling, reconstituting or otherwise altering of a drug or
19 bulk drug substance to create a drug. Compounding includes the
20 preparation of drugs or devices in anticipation of prescription drug
21 orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns;

22 9. "Continuing professional education" means professional,
23 pharmaceutical education in the general areas of the socioeconomic
24 and legal aspects of health care; the properties and actions of

1 drugs and dosage forms; and the etiology, characteristics and
2 therapeutics of the diseased state;

3 10. "Dangerous drug", "legend drug", "prescription drug" or "Rx
4 Only" means a drug:

5 a. for human use subject to 21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1), or

6 b. is labeled "Prescription Only", or labeled with the
7 following statement: "Caution: Federal law restricts
8 this drug except for use by or on the order of a
9 licensed veterinarian".";

10 11. "Director" means the Executive Director of the State Board
11 of Pharmacy unless context clearly indicates otherwise;

12 12. "Dispense" or "dispensing" means the interpretation,
13 evaluation, and implementation of a prescription drug order,
14 including the preparation and delivery of a drug or device to a
15 patient or a patient's agent in a suitable container appropriately
16 labeled for subsequent administration to, or use by, a patient.
17 Dispense includes sell, distribute, leave with, give away, dispose
18 of, deliver or supply;

19 13. "Dispenser" means a retail pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, a
20 group of chain pharmacies under common ownership and control that do
21 not act as a wholesale distributor, or any other person authorized
22 by law to dispense or administer prescription drugs, and the
23 affiliated warehouses or distributions of such entities under common
24 ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale distributor.

1 For the purposes of this paragraph, "dispenser" does not mean a
2 person who dispenses only products to be used in animals in
3 accordance with 21 U.S.C. 360b(a) (5);

4 14. "Distribute" or "distribution" means the sale, purchase,
5 trade, delivery, handling, storage, or receipt of a product, and
6 does not include the dispensing of a product pursuant to a
7 prescription executed in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 353(b) (1) or the
8 dispensing of a product approved under 21 U.S.C. 360b(b); provided,
9 taking actual physical possession of a product or title shall not be
10 required;

11 15. "Doctor of Pharmacy" means a person licensed by the Board
12 to engage in the practice of pharmacy. The terms "pharmacist",
13 "D.Ph.", and "Doctor of Pharmacy" shall be interchangeable and shall
14 have the same meaning wherever they appear in the Oklahoma Statutes
15 and the rules promulgated by the Board;

16 16. "Drug outlet" means all manufacturers, repackagers,
17 outsourcing facilities, wholesale distributors, third-party
18 logistics providers, pharmacies, and all other facilities which are
19 engaged in dispensing, delivery, distribution or storage of
20 dangerous drugs;

21 17. "Drugs" means all medicinal substances and preparations
22 recognized by the United States Pharmacopoeia and National
23 Formulary, or any revision thereof, and all substances and
24 preparations intended for external and/or internal use in the cure,

1 diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans
2 or animals and all substances and preparations, other than food,
3 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of a
4 human or animals;

5 18. "Drug sample" means a unit of a prescription drug packaged
6 under the authority and responsibility of the manufacturer that is
7 not intended to be sold and is intended to promote the sale of the
8 drug;

9 19. "Filled prescription" means a packaged prescription
10 medication to which a label has been affixed which contains such
11 information as is required by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

12 20. "Hospital" means any institution licensed as a hospital by
13 this state for the care and treatment of patients, or a pharmacy
14 operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

15 21. "Licensed practitioner" means an allopathic physician,
16 osteopathic physician, podiatric physician, dentist, veterinarian or
17 optometrist licensed to practice and authorized to prescribe
18 dangerous drugs within the scope of practice of such practitioner;

19 22. "Manufacturer" or "virtual manufacturer" means with respect
20 to a product:

21 a. a person that holds an application approved under 21
22 U.S.C. 355 or a license issued under 42 U.S.C. 262 for
23 such product, or if such product is not the subject of
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1 an approved application or license, the person who
2 manufactured the product,

3 b. a co-licensed partner of the person described in
4 subparagraph a that obtains the product directly from
5 a person described in this subparagraph or
6 subparagraph a,

7 c. an affiliate of a person described in subparagraph a
8 or b who receives the product directly from a person
9 described in this subparagraph or in subparagraph a or
10 b; or

11 d. a person who contracts with another to manufacture a
12 product;

13 23. "Manufacturing" means the production, preparation,
14 propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a device or a
15 drug, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of
16 natural origin or independently by means of chemical or biological
17 synthesis and includes any packaging or repackaging of the
18 substances or labeling or relabeling of its container, and the
19 promotion and marketing of such drugs or devices. The term
20 "manufacturing" also includes the preparation and promotion of
21 commercially available products from bulk compounds for resale by
22 licensed pharmacies, licensed practitioners or other persons;

1 24. "Medical gas" means those gases including those in liquid
2 state upon which the manufacturer or distributor has placed one of
3 several cautions, such as "Rx Only", in compliance with federal law;

4 25. "Medical gas order" means an order for medical gas issued
5 by a licensed prescriber;

6 26. "Medical gas distributor" means a person licensed to
7 distribute, transfer, wholesale, deliver or sell medical gases on
8 drug orders to suppliers or other entities licensed to use,
9 administer or distribute medical gas and may also include a patient
10 or ultimate user;

11 27. "Medical gas supplier" means a person who dispenses medical
12 gases on drug orders only to a patient or ultimate user;

13 28. "Medicine" means any drug or combination of drugs which has
14 the property of curing, preventing, treating, diagnosing or
15 mitigating diseases, or which is used for that purpose;

16 29. "Nonprescription drugs" means medicines or drugs which are
17 sold without a prescription and which are prepackaged for use by the
18 consumer and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the
19 statutes and regulations of this state and the federal government.
20 Such items shall also include medical and dental supplies and
21 bottled or nonbulk chemicals which are sold or offered for sale to
22 the general public if such articles or preparations meet the
23 requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21
24 U.S.C.A., Section 321 et seq.;

1 30. "Outsourcing facility", including "virtual outsourcing
2 facility" means a facility at one geographic location or address
3 that:

4 a. is engaged in the compounding of sterile drugs,

5 b. has elected to register as an outsourcing facility,
6 and

7 c. complies with all requirements of 21 U.S.C. 353b;

8 31. "Package" means the smallest individual saleable unit of
9 product for distribution by a manufacturer or repackager that is
10 intended by the manufacturer for ultimate sale to the dispenser of
11 such product. For the purposes of this paragraph, "individual
12 saleable unit" means the smallest container of a product introduced
13 into commerce by the manufacturer or repackager that is intended by
14 the manufacturer or repackager for individual sale to a dispenser;

15 32. "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited
16 liability company, corporation or association, unless the context
17 otherwise requires;

18 33. "Pharmacist-in-charge" or "PIC" means the pharmacist
19 licensed in this state responsible for the management control of a
20 pharmacy and all other aspects of the practice of pharmacy in a
21 licensed pharmacy as defined by Section 353.18 of this title;

22 34. "Pharmacy" means a place regularly licensed by the Board of
23 Pharmacy in which prescriptions, drugs, medicines, chemicals and
24 poisons are compounded or dispensed or such place where pharmacists

1 practice the profession of pharmacy, or a pharmacy operated by the
2 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

3 35. "Pharmacy technician", "technician", "Rx tech", or "tech"
4 means a person issued a Technician permit by the State Board of
5 Pharmacy to assist the pharmacist and perform nonjudgmental,
6 technical, manipulative, non-discretionary functions in the
7 prescription department under the immediate and direct supervision
8 of a pharmacist;

9 36. "Poison" means any substance which when introduced into the
10 body, either directly or by absorption, produces violent, morbid or
11 fatal changes, or which destroys living tissue with which such
12 substance comes into contact;

13 37. "Practice of pharmacy" means:

- 14 a. the interpretation and evaluation of prescription
15 orders,
- 16 b. the compounding, dispensing, administering and
17 labeling of drugs and devices, except labeling by a
18 manufacturer, repackager or distributor of
19 nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend
20 drugs and devices,
- 21 c. the participation in drug selection and drug
22 utilization reviews,
- 23 d. the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and
24 the maintenance of proper records thereof,

- e. the responsibility for advising by counseling and providing information, where professionally necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices,
- f. the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control of a pharmacy, ~~or~~
- g. ~~the provision of those acts or services that are necessary to provide pharmaceutical care~~ ordering, performing, and evaluating laboratory and clinical drug therapy related tests and initiating drug therapy for minor, nonchronic health conditions,
- h. the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives and any nicotine replacement therapy product that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or
- i. the provision of those acts or services that are necessary to provide pharmaceutical care;

38. "Preparation" means an article which may or may not contain sterile products compounded in a licensed pharmacy pursuant to the order of a licensed prescriber;

39. "Prescriber" means a person licensed in this state who is authorized to prescribe dangerous drugs within the scope of practice of the person's profession;

1 40. "Prescription" means and includes any order for drug or
2 medical supplies written or signed, or transmitted by word of mouth,
3 telephone or other means of communication:

4 a. by a licensed prescriber,

5 b. under the supervision of an Oklahoma licensed
6 practitioner, an Oklahoma licensed advanced practice
7 registered nurse or an Oklahoma licensed physician
8 assistant, or

9 c. by an Oklahoma licensed wholesaler or distributor as
10 authorized in Section 353.29.1 of this title;

11 41. "Product" means a prescription drug in a finished dosage
12 form for administration to a patient without substantial further
13 manufacturing, such as capsules, tablets, and lyophilized products
14 before reconstitution. "Product" does not include blood components
15 intended for transfusion, radioactive drugs or biologics and medical
16 gas;

17 42. "Repackager", including "virtual repackager", means a
18 person who owns or operates an establishment that repacks and
19 relabels a product or package for further sale or distribution
20 without further transaction;

21 43. "Sterile drug" means a drug that is intended for parenteral
22 administration, an ophthalmic or oral inhalation drug in aqueous
23 format, or a drug that is required to be sterile under state and
24 federal law;

1 44. "Supervising physician" means an individual holding a
2 current license to practice as a physician from the State Board of
3 Medical Licensure and Supervision, pursuant to the provisions of the
4 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision
5 Act, or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, pursuant to the
6 provisions of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act, who supervises
7 an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in Section 567.3a
8 of this title, and who is not in training as an intern, resident, or
9 fellow. To be eligible to supervise an advanced practice registered
10 nurse, such physician shall remain in compliance with the rules
11 promulgated by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
12 or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners;

13 45. "Supportive personnel" means technicians and auxiliary
14 supportive persons who are regularly paid employees of a pharmacy
15 who work and perform tasks in the pharmacy as authorized by Section
16 353.18A of this title;

17 46. "Third-party logistics provider", including "virtual third-
18 party logistics provider" means an entity that provides or
19 coordinates warehousing, or other logistics services of a product in
20 interstate commerce on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale
21 distributor, or dispenser of a product but does not take ownership
22 of the product, nor have responsibility to direct the sale or
23 disposition of the product. For the purposes of this paragraph,
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1 "third-party logistics provider" does not include shippers and the
2 United States Postal Service;

3 47. "Wholesale distributor", including "virtual wholesale
4 distributor" means a person other than a manufacturer, a
5 manufacturer's co-licensed partner, a third-party logistics
6 provider, or repackager engaged in wholesale distribution as defined
7 by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(4) as amended by the Drug Supply Chain Security
8 Act;

9 48. "County jail" means a facility operated by a county for the
10 physical detention and correction of persons charged with, or
11 convicted of, criminal offenses or ordinance violations or persons
12 found guilty of civil or criminal contempt;

13 49. "State correctional facility" means a facility or
14 institution that houses a prisoner population under the jurisdiction
15 of the Department of Corrections;

16 50. "Unit dose package" means a package that contains a single
17 dose drug with the name, strength, control number, and expiration
18 date of that drug on the label; and

19 51. "Unit of issue package" means a package that provides
20 multiple doses of the same drug, but each drug is individually
21 separated and includes the name, lot number, and expiration date.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 353.40 of Title 59, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A pharmacist may test or screen for and treat minor,
2 nonchronic health conditions. For purposes of this section, a
3 minor, nonchronic health condition is typically a short-term
4 condition that is generally managed with minimal treatment or self-
5 care, and includes:

- 6 1. Influenza;
- 7 2. Streptococcus;
- 8 3. SARS-COV-2 or other respiratory illness, condition, or
9 disease;
- 10 4. Lice;
- 11 5. Urinary tract infection;
- 12 6. Skin conditions, such as ringworm and athlete's foot; and
- 13 7. Minor, uncomplicated infections.

14 B. A pharmacist who tests or screens for and treats minor,
15 nonchronic health conditions under this section may use any test
16 that may guide clinical decision making which the Centers for
17 Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined qualifies for a waiver
18 under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of
19 1988, or the federal rules adopted thereunder, or any established
20 screening procedures that can safely be performed by a pharmacist.

21 C. A pharmacist may dispense a self-administered hormonal
22 contraceptive and nicotine replacement therapy products under the
23 protocol established pursuant to this section, regardless of whether
24 the patient has obtained a prescription.

1 D. The Board of Pharmacy shall adopt regulations establishing a
2 protocol for dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives
3 and nicotine replacement therapy products.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

5 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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