

1 AN ACT relating to medication-assisted therapy in community pharmacies.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section, "pilot program" means a program in a county*
6 *or set of counties, or a subset or subsets of the population, as designated by the*
7 *Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department for Behavioral*
8 *Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.*

9 *(2) A pilot program is established to analyze the outcomes and effectiveness of a*
10 *community pharmacy care delivery model for medication-assisted therapy for*
11 *treatment of substance abuse in order to ensure that the Commonwealth is:*

12 *(a) Using approaches that have been shown to be effective;*

13 *(b) Intervening early at important stages and transitions; and*

14 *(c) Intervening in appropriate settings and domains.*

15 *(3) Sources of data for the pilot program shall include, at a minimum, claims data*
16 *from the Department for Medicaid Services, including claims data from Medicaid*
17 *managed care organizations submitted to the Department for Medicaid Services.*

18 *(4) As funds are available, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall initiate*
19 *a pilot program to determine, collect, and analyze performance measurement*
20 *data for a community pharmacy care delivery model for non-controlled*
21 *medication-assisted therapy as part of substance abuse treatment services to*
22 *determine practices that increase access to treatment, reduce frequency of*
23 *relapse, provide better outcomes for patients, and control health costs related to*
24 *substance abuse treatment. Program components shall:*

25 *(a) Use a community pharmacy care delivery model for non-controlled*
26 *medication-assisted therapy for the treatment of substance abuse, as*
27 *authorized by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy pursuant to KRS*

- 1 315.010(25);
- 2 **(b) Include a wraparound services model that engages psychological and social**
- 3 **support for the patient;**
- 4 **(c) Establish collaborative relationships between detention facilities, drug**
- 5 **courts, community pharmacists, and practitioners who provide psychosocial**
- 6 **interventions to evaluate individuals' eligibility for participation in a**
- 7 **community pharmacy care delivery model for non-controlled medication-**
- 8 **assisted therapy; and**
- 9 **(d) Include pilot program data collection designed to inform the outcomes and**
- 10 **effectiveness of a community pharmacy care delivery model for medication-**
- 11 **assisted therapy for treatment of substance abuse.**
- 12 **(5) By December 31, 2019, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall provide**
- 13 **a joint report to the Legislative Research Commission and the Office of the**
- 14 **Governor that:**
- 15 **(a) Details the findings of the pilot program; and**
- 16 **(b) Includes recommendations based on the pilot program's results for**
- 17 **optimizing substance abuse treatment services provided in community**
- 18 **pharmacies.**
- 19 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
- 20 READ AS FOLLOWS:
- 21 **(1) A prior authorization shall not be required for non-controlled medication-**
- 22 **assisted therapies for community pharmacies as part of the pilot project**
- 23 **established in Section 1 of this Act.**
- 24 **(2) A pharmacy or pharmacist participating in the pilot project established pursuant**
- 25 **to Section 1 of this Act shall not be barred, excluded, or have any other mandates,**
- 26 **conditions, or restrictions placed on it by any Medicaid managed care**
- 27 **organization, or its contracted pharmacy benefit manager, for participation in the**

- 1 *pilot program established in Section 1 of this Act or from dispensing medications*
- 2 *used in the medication-assisted treatment program.*