

1 **PHARMACY SERVICE FOR DISCHARGED HOSPITAL**
2 **PATIENTS**

3 2016 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Edward H. Redd**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug
11 to a discharged patient under certain circumstances.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug to a
15 discharged patient, under certain circumstances, when the patient's regular retail
16 pharmacy is not available; and

17 ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to make rules.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 ENACTS:

24 **58-17b-610.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **58-17b-610.6** is enacted to read:



28 58-17b-610.6. Hospital pharmacy dispensing at discharge.

29 (1) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
30 Administrative Rulemaking Act, in consultation with hospital pharmacies, to establish
31 guidelines under which a hospital pharmacy may dispense a limited supply of a prescription
32 drug to an individual who is no longer a patient in the hospital setting if:

33 (a) the individual is discharged from the hospital on the same day that the hospital
34 pharmacy dispenses the prescription drug to the individual;

35 (b) the prescription drug relates to the reason for which the individual was a patient at
36 the hospital before being discharged;

37 (c) the class A pharmacy with which the patient has an established pharmacy-patient
38 relationship is not open at the time of the patient's discharge;

39 (d) the hospital pharmacy dispenses a quantity of the prescription drug that is the lesser
40 of:

41 (i) a 72-hour supply; or

42 (ii) an adequate amount to treat the discharged patient through the first day on which
43 the pharmacy described in Subsection (1)(c) is open after the patient's discharge from the
44 hospital; and

45 (e) dispensing the prescription drug complies with protocols established by the hospital
46 pharmacy.

47 (2) A hospital pharmacy may dispense a prescription drug in accordance with rules
48 made under Subsection (1).

Legislative Review Note
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