

HB 487 -- ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

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This bill allows a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to a patient who is 18 years old or older. The patient does not need to have evidence of a previous prescription from a health care practitioner.

The Board of Pharmacy must adopt rules that will require a pharmacist to complete training on prescribing oral contraceptives, to provide a self-screening risk assessment to a patient, to refer the patient to a health care practitioner, to provide the patient with a written record of the prescription, and to dispense the oral contraceptive as soon as practicable.

All state and federal laws governing insurance coverage of contraceptives will apply to contraceptives prescribed by a pharmacist.

A health carrier or benefit plan that provides coverage of oral contraceptives must provide coverage for a three-month dispensation of the first dispensation of an oral contraceptive. The health carrier or benefit plan cannot require any higher deductible or co-payment than it does for other similar services. These requirements do not apply to certain types of insurance policies, as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 1498 (2018) and HB 233 (2017).