

HB 370 -- HIV PREVENTION (Christofanelli)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on General Laws

This bill allows a pharmacist to dispense medication for HIV preexposure prophylaxis and HIV postexposure prophylaxis without a prescription. The pharmacist must follow a written protocol authorized by a licensed physician.

For medication for HIV preexposure prophylaxis, the pharmacist must document that the patient tested negative for HIV, the patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection, and the patient is not taking any contraindicated medications. The pharmacist must provide counseling about the use of the medication (which the patient cannot waive), advise the patient that he or she must see a primary care physician to receive additional prescriptions, and notify the patient's primary care provider or provide a list of providers to the patient. The pharmacist can provide a 30-day supply to the patient once every two years.

For medication for HIV postexposure prophylaxis, the pharmacist must prescribe the medication in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of registration for the healing arts and the state board of pharmacy.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2304 (2020).