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STANDING ORDER HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION

I. PURPOSE

This standing order is intended to ensure that Illinois residents have ease of access to self-administered hormonal contraceptive methods. Allowing expanded access will give women the opportunity to obtain contraceptive methods more easily, thus helping them to plan the timing and spacing of their families and reduce unintended pregnancy.

II. SCOPE

This standing order applies to licensed pharmacists in the State of Illinois who have completed the necessary training. Organizations with a medical staff or health care provider may rely on those medical professionals to write prescriptions or issue standing orders specific to the personnel who would be expected to administer or dispense hormonal contraceptive methods within or through these organizations.

III. AUTHORITY

This standing order is issued pursuant to the Pharmacy Practice Act, 225 ILCS 85 (“PPA”), which allows pharmacists to dispense no more than a 12-month supply of hormonal contraceptives pursuant to a standing order as issued by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches. Terms used herein, but not defined, have the same meaning given to them in the PPA.

IV. TRAINING AND ENROLLMENT OF PHARMACISTS

Pharmacists who plan to dispense hormonal contraception under this standing order are required to complete training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Pharmacists will be required to maintain proof of training and maintain all application licensure requirements pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations. Pharmacists must complete an educational training program accredited by the ACPE that is related to the patient self-screening risk assessment, patient assessment contraceptive counseling and education, and dispensation of hormonal contraceptives.

1. Pharmacists who plan to dispense hormonal contraceptives to a patient must meet the following requirements:
 - a. the pharmacist must complete an educational training program accredited by the ACPE that is related to the patient self-screening risk assessment;
 - b. the pharmacist must complete an educational training program accredited by the ACPE that is related to patient assessment contraceptive counseling;
 - c. the pharmacist must complete an educational training program accredited by the ACPE that is related to education on hormonal contraceptives;
 - d. the pharmacist must complete an educational training program accredited by the ACPE that is related to dispensation of hormonal contraceptives.

2. Pharmacists who plan to dispense hormonal contraceptives to a patient shall do the following:
 - a. Have the patient complete the self-screening risk assessment tool, which is based on the most current version of the United States Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use published by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
 - b. Refer a patient to a physician who is a primary care provider or OB/GYN using their professional and clinical judgement when needed, based upon the results of the self-screening risk assessment and patient assessment;
 - c. Provide counseling and education about all methods of contraception, including methods not covered under this standing order, and their proper use and effectiveness in a confidential manner that ensures patient privacy, and
 - d. Maintain appropriate records as follows:
 - i. Pharmacist training records under this standing order shall be maintained by the pharmacist indefinitely for onsite inspection;
 - ii. The following records shall be maintained in a separate, confidential and secure patient file on the pharmacy's premises for a period of 5 years:
 1. Completed patient self-assessment
 2. Counseling and educational documentation
 3. Referrals to primary care practitioners or other healthcare providers
 - iii. All files may be paper records or electronic records;

Only an Illinois-licensed pharmacist, who has completed an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited educational training program related to the prescribing of contraceptives by a pharmacist, may dispense hormonal contraceptives, including hormonal patches, hormonal vaginal rings, oral hormonal contraceptives, and hormonal contraceptive injections to a patient. In addition, pharmacists shall comply with the most current United States Medical Eligibility Criteria (USMEC) for Contraceptive Use as adopted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The required self-screening risk assessment tool, as well as helpful protocols and procedures documents, including the United States Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use Summary Chart, can be found on the Illinois Board of Pharmacy's website here: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/pharm.asp>.

V. DISPENSING AND COUNSELING GUIDELINES

Pharmacists must have the patient complete a self-screening risk assessment tool. The self-screening assessment tool must be based on the most current version of the United States Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use published by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based upon the results of the self-screening assessment and patient assessment, a pharmacist must use professional and clinical judgment as to when a patient should be referred to the patient's physician or another health care provider or family planning clinic. In such cases, the patient should be given a copy of the encounter and the reason why the contraception could not be prescribed. Pharmacists must also provide counseling and education during the assessment and consultation process about all methods of contraception, including methods not covered under this standing order, and their proper use and effectiveness. Educational material and counseling should also include information on long-acting and reversible contraceptives and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, and the importance of seeing the patient's primary care provider or reproductive health care provider at least annually to obtain medically appropriate recommended tests and screenings. Patient counseling and consultation must take place in a private manner and appropriate records must be maintained as outlined above.

If the pharmacist determines that it is safe to dispense hormonal contraception to the patient, the pharmacist has authority to do so. The only hormonal contraceptives that may be dispensed under this standing order are those administered orally, topically, as well as injections and vaginal rings, each of which must be approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

REVIEW

This standing order will be reviewed and may be updated if there is relevant new science about hormonal contraceptive methods or administration as necessary.

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