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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 24, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for safe
3 opioid prescription AND FOR PATIENT VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID <--
4 DIRECTIVE and imposing powers and duties on certain
5 Commonwealth agencies.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter CHAPTERS in Part III to <--
10 read:

CHAPTER 51

SAFE OPIOID PRESCRIPTION

13 Sec.

14 5101. Definitions.

15 5102. Safe opioid prescription education.

16 5103. Temporary regulations.

17 § 5101. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "College." Any of the following:

5 (1) A medical college.

6 (2) A medical training facility, including a school of
7 nursing and a school of optometry.

8 (3) A dental school.

9 (4) An osteopathic medical college or osteopathic
10 medical training facility.

11 "Controlled substance." A drug, substance or immediate
12 precursor included in Schedules II through V of section 4 of the
13 act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
14 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

15 "Licensing boards." The following:

16 (1) The State Board of Dentistry.

17 (2) The State Board of Medicine.

18 (3) The State Board of Nursing.

19 (4) The State Board of Optometry.

20 (5) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

21 (6) The State Board of Podiatry.

22 "Opioid." Any of the following:

23 (1) A preparation or derivative of opium.

24 (2) A synthetic narcotic that has opiate-like effects
25 but is not derived from opium.

26 (3) A group of naturally occurring peptides that bind at
27 or otherwise influence opiate receptors, including opioid
28 agonist.

29 § 5102. Safe opioid prescription education.

30 (a) Curriculum.--Beginning August 1, 2017, the licensing

1 boards shall, by joint regulation, implement a safe prescription
2 of a controlled substance containing an opioid curriculum. The
3 curriculum may be offered in colleges or by providers approved
4 by the licensing boards and shall include all of the following:

5 (1) Current, age-appropriate information relating to
6 pain management.

7 (2) Multimodal treatments for chronic pain that minimize
8 the use of a controlled substance containing an opioid.

9 (3) If a controlled substance containing an opioid is
10 indicated, instruction on safe methods of prescribing a
11 controlled substance containing an opioid that follow
12 guideline-based care.

13 (4) Identification of patients who have risk factors for
14 developing problems with prescription of a controlled
15 substance containing an opioid.

16 (5) Training on managing substance abuse USE disorders <--
17 as a chronic disease.

18 (b) Separation from standardized curriculum.--The education <--
19 required under this chapter shall not be considered part of the
20 college's curriculum necessary for graduation. THE EDUCATION <--

21 REQUIRED UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A
22 MANDATE OF THE CURRICULUM NECESSARY FOR GRADUATION. NOTHING IN
23 THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A COLLEGE FROM
24 REQUIRING SUCH CURRICULUM TO BE NECESSARY TO GRADUATE AFTER
25 AUGUST 1, 2017.

26 § 5103. Temporary regulations.

27 In order to facilitate the prompt implementation of this
28 chapter, each licensing board may issue temporary regulations.
29 The following shall apply:

30 (1) The temporary regulations shall expire no later than

1 two years after their issuance.

2 (2) The temporary regulations issued by each licensing
3 board shall not be subject to:

4 (i) Sections 201, 202 and 203 of the act of July 31,
5 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth
6 Documents Law.

7 (ii) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181),
8 known as the Regulatory Review Act.

9 CHAPTER 52

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10 PATIENT VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE

11 SEC.

12 5201. SCOPE OF CHAPTER.

13 5202. DEFINITIONS.

14 5203. VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE.

15 5204. GUIDELINES.

16 5205. EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.

17 5206. LICENSING BOARDS.

18 § 5201. SCOPE OF CHAPTER.

19 THIS CHAPTER RELATES TO PATIENT VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
20 DIRECTIVES.

21 § 5202. DEFINITIONS.

22 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER
23 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
24 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

25 "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE." AS DEFINED IN THE ACT OF APRIL 14,
26 1972 (P.L.233, NO.64), KNOWN AS THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DRUG,
27 DEVICE AND COSMETIC ACT.

28 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

29 "HEALTH CARE FACILITY." A HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN
30 SECTION 103 OF THE ACT OF JULY 19, 1979 (P.L.130, NO.48), KNOWN

1 AS THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACT, OR ANY OTHER FACILITY OR
2 INSTITUTION LICENSED, REGISTERED OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED TO
3 DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, CONDUCT RESEARCH WITH OR PRESCRIBE OR
4 ADMINISTER A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINING AN OPIOID OR OTHER
5 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN THE COURSE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OR
6 RESEARCH IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

7 "LICENSING BOARD." THE TERM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

8 (1) THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE AS SET FORTH IN THE ACT
9 OF DECEMBER 20, 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112), KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL
10 PRACTICE ACT OF 1985.

11 (2) THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AS SET FORTH
12 IN THE ACT OF OCTOBER 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, NO.261), KNOWN AS
13 THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.

14 (3) THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AS SET FORTH IN THE ACT
15 OF MAY 22, 1951 (P.L.317, NO.69), KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL
16 NURSING LAW.

17 (4) THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY AS SET FORTH IN THE ACT
18 OF MARCH 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1206, NO.375), KNOWN AS THE
19 PODIATRY PRACTICE ACT.

20 (5) THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AS SET FORTH IN THE ACT
21 OF MAY 1, 1933 (P.L.216, NO.76), KNOWN AS THE DENTAL LAW.

22 "OPIOID." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 (1) A PREPARATION OR DERIVATIVE OF OPIUM.

24 (2) A SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC THAT HAS OPIATE-LIKE EFFECTS
25 BUT IS NOT DERIVED FROM OPIUM.

26 (3) A GROUP OF NATURALLY OCCURRING PEPTIDES THAT BIND AT
27 OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCE OPIATE RECEPTORS, INCLUDING OPIOID
28 AGONIST.

29 "PATIENT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE MEDICAL CARE OF A
30 PRACTITIONER.

1 "PRACTITIONER." A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AS DEFINED IN
2 SECTION 103 OF THE ACT OF JULY 19, 1979 (P.L.130, NO.48), KNOWN
3 AS THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACT.

4 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

5 "SYSTEM." THE ACHIEVING BETTER CARE BY MONITORING ALL
6 PRESCRIPTIONS PROGRAM ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION MONITORING SYSTEM
7 WITH A DATABASE COMPONENT AS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ACT OF
8 OCTOBER 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, NO.191), KNOWN AS THE ACHIEVING
9 BETTER CARE BY MONITORING ALL PRESCRIPTIONS PROGRAM (ABC-MAP)
10 ACT.

11 "VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE." A WRITTEN INSTRUCTION FORM
12 EXECUTED BY A PATIENT EVIDENCING THE NAMED PATIENT'S REQUEST NOT
13 TO HAVE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINING AN OPIOID OFFERED,
14 SUPPLIED, PRESCRIBED OR OTHERWISE ADMINISTERED TO THE NAMED
15 PATIENT BY A PRACTITIONER.

16 § 5203. VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE.

17 (A) DUTY OF DEPARTMENT.--

18 (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH A STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL
19 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING PHYSICIANS LICENSED TO PRACTICE
20 MEDICINE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES, STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS
21 REPRESENTING NURSING HOMES, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES,
22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
23 REPRESENTING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
24 DEVELOP AND PUBLISH A UNIFORM VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE
25 FORM WHICH MAY BE USED BY A PATIENT TO DENY OR REFUSE THE
26 ADMINISTRATION OR PRESCRIBING OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
27 CONTAINING AN OPIOID BY A PRACTITIONER.

28 (2) THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM DEVELOPED BY
29 THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL
30 INDICATE TO ALL PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONERS AND HEALTH CARE

1 FACILITIES THAT THE NAMED PATIENT SHALL NOT BE OFFERED,
2 PRESCRIBED, SUPPLIED WITH OR OTHERWISE ADMINISTERED A
3 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINING AN OPIOID.

4 (3) THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM SHALL BE
5 POSTED IN A DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY
6 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

7 (B) EXECUTION OF FORM.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

8 (1) A PATIENT MAY EXECUTE AND FILE A VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
9 DIRECTIVE FORM WITH A PRACTITIONER OR OTHER AUTHORITY
10 AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY TO ACCEPT THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
11 DIRECTIVE FORM FOR FILING. EACH PRACTITIONER OR OTHER PERSON
12 AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY TO ACCEPT A VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
13 DIRECTIVE FORM FOR FILING SHALL DATE AND AFFIX HIS SIGNATURE
14 TO THE FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT AS EVIDENCE OF
15 ACCEPTANCE AND SHALL PROVIDE A SIGNED COPY OF THE FORM TO THE
16 PATIENT.

17 (2) THE PATIENT EXECUTING AND FILING A VOLUNTARY
18 NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM WITH A PRACTITIONER SHALL SIGN AND
19 DATE THE FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRACTITIONER, A DESIGNEE
20 OF THE PRACTITIONER OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE
21 SECRETARY TO ACCEPT A VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM FOR
22 FILING. IN THE CASE OF A PATIENT WHO IS UNABLE TO EXECUTE AND
23 FILE A VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID FORM, THE PATIENT MAY DESIGNATE A
24 DULY AUTHORIZED GUARDIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROXY TO EXECUTE AND
25 FILE THE FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1).

26 (3) A PATIENT MAY REVOKE THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
27 DIRECTIVE FORM FOR ANY REASON AND MAY DO SO BY WRITTEN OR
28 ORAL MEANS.

29 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1), BEFORE SIGNING A
30 VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM A PRACTITIONER MAY, IF

1 DEEMED APPROPRIATE, ASSESS THE PATIENT'S PERSONAL AND FAMILY
2 HISTORY OF ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE AND EVALUATE THE PATIENT'S
3 RISK FOR MEDICATION MISUSE OR ABUSE. IN EVALUATING SUCH
4 RISKS, THE PRACTITIONER SHALL ACCESS THE SYSTEM TO DETERMINE
5 WHETHER AN UNUSUAL OR SUSPECT PATTERN FOR THE PRESCRIBING OF
6 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CONTAINING OPIOIDS TO THE PATIENT HAS
7 BEEN REPORTED TO THE SYSTEM. IF A PRACTITIONER REASONABLY
8 BELIEVES THAT A PATIENT IS AT RISK FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE OR
9 ABUSE OR A PRACTITIONER BELIEVES IN THE PRACTITIONER'S EXPERT
10 MEDICAL OPINION THAT FOR ANY OTHER REASON THE NONOPIOID
11 DIRECTIVE IS APPROPRIATE, THE PRACTITIONER SHALL SIGN THE
12 FORM. THE PRACTITIONER SIGNING THE NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM
13 SHALL NOTE DOING SO IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD.

14 § 5204. GUIDELINES.

15 (A) ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT AND
16 PUBLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOLUNTARY
17 NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM. THE GUIDELINES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT
18 BE LIMITED TO:

19 (1) A STANDARD FORM FOR THE RECORDING AND TRANSMISSION
20 OF THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM, WHICH SHALL
21 INCLUDE VERIFICATION BY THE PATIENT'S PRACTITIONER AND WHICH
22 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE
23 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT (58 STAT. 682, 42 U.S.C. § 290DD-
24 2(B)) AND 42 CFR PT. 2 (RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF
25 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PATIENT RECORDS), PROVIDED THAT THE
26 VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE
27 BASIC PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO REVOKE THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
28 DIRECTIVE FORM.

29 (2) PROCEDURES TO RECORD THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
30 DIRECTIVE FORM IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD OR, IF

1 AVAILABLE, THE PATIENT'S INTEROPERABLE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL
2 RECORD AND IN THE SYSTEM.

3 (3) REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR A PATIENT TO APPOINT
4 A DULY AUTHORIZED GUARDIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROXY TO OVERRIDE A
5 PREVIOUSLY FILED VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM AND
6 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN ATTENDING PRACTITIONER MAY
7 OVERRIDE A PREVIOUSLY FILED VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE
8 FORM BASED ON DOCUMENTED MEDICAL JUDGMENT WHICH SHALL BE
9 RECORDED IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD.

10 (4) PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT ANY RECORDING, SHARING OR
11 DISTRIBUTING OF DATA RELATIVE TO THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
12 DIRECTIVE FORM COMPLIES WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE
13 CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS.

14 (5) APPROPRIATE EXEMPTIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS AND OTHER
15 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO
16 PRESCRIBE OR ADMINISTER A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINING AN
17 OPIOID WHEN, IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL JUDGMENT, A
18 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINING AN OPIOID IS NECESSARY.

19 (B) PUBLICATION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE
20 GUIDELINES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN AND ON ITS PUBLICLY
21 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

22 (C) WRITTEN PRESCRIPTIONS.--A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION THAT IS
23 PRESENTED AT AN OUTPATIENT PHARMACY OR A PRESCRIPTION THAT IS
24 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO AN OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SHALL BE
25 PRESUMED TO BE VALID FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND A
26 PHARMACIST IN AN OUTPATIENT SETTING SHALL NOT BE HELD IN
27 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION FOR DISPENSING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
28 CONTAINING AN OPIOID OR OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN
29 CONTRADICTION TO A VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM, EXCEPT
30 UPON EVIDENCE THAT THE PHARMACIST ACTED KNOWINGLY AGAINST THE

1 VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE FORM.

2 § 5205. EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.

3 (A) PRACTITIONER EXEMPTION.--NO PRACTITIONER OR EMPLOYEE OF
4 A PRACTITIONER ACTING IN GOOD FAITH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL
5 OR CIVIL LIABILITY OR BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN
6 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR FAILING TO OFFER OR ADMINISTER A
7 PRESCRIPTION OR MEDICATION ORDER FOR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
8 CONTAINING AN OPIOID UNDER THE VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE
9 FORM.

10 (B) REPRESENTATIVE EXEMPTION.--NO PERSON ACTING AS A
11 REPRESENTATIVE OR AN AGENT UNDER A HEALTH CARE PROXY SHALL BE
12 SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MAKING A DECISION
13 UNDER SECTION 5204(A) (3) (RELATING TO GUIDELINES) IN GOOD FAITH.

14 § 5206. LICENSING BOARDS.

15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR REGULATION, A
16 LICENSING BOARD MAY LIMIT, CONDITION OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OF
17 OR ASSESS A FINE AGAINST A PRACTITIONER WHO RECKLESSLY OR
18 NEGLIGENTLY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A PATIENT'S VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID
19 DIRECTIVE FORM.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.