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SYNOPSIS

Requires home health agencies and specialty pharmacies providing services related to bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia to comply with certain minimum practice standards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.



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AN ACT concerning the provision of care to patients with hemophilia and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes and P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.).

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Each home health agency licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that provides home care services to an individual with hemophilia shall, when those services include treatment services for bleeding episodes associated hemophilia, comply with the standards for a provider as provided in subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2001, c.121 (C.26:2S-10.1). A home health agency that provides home treatment services that include treatment services for bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia that fails to comply with the requirements of this section or the standards provided in subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2001, c.121 (C.26:2S-10.1) shall be subject administrative penalties or disciplinary action as the Commissioner of Health shall prescribe by regulation.

2. Each specialty pharmacy licensed pursuant to P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.) that provides pharmacy services to an individual with hemophilia shall, when those services include treatment services for bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia, comply with the standards for a provider as provided in subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2001, c.121 (C.26:2S-10.1). A specialty pharmacy that provides pharmacy services that include treatment services for bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia that fails to comply with the requirements of this section or the standards provided in subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2001, c.121 (C.26:2S-10.1) shall be subject to such administrative penalties or disciplinary action as the State Board of Pharmacy shall prescribe by regulation.

As used in this section, "specialty pharmacy" means the service created to manage the handling and service requirements of specialty pharmaceuticals, including dispensing, infusion services, distribution, reimbursement, case management, and other services specific to patients with rare or chronic conditions involving or related to hemophilia.

3. The Commissioner of Health and the State Board of Pharmacy shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.