

HCS HB 1679 -- ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES (Solon)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Emerging Issues

PRACTICE OF PHARMACY (Section 338.010, RSMo)

This bill adds the prescribing and dispensing of hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to the definition of the practice of pharmacy.

HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE (Section 338.660)

The bill permits a pharmacist to prescribe self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to a person who is 18 years of age or older regardless of whether the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a primary care provider or women's health care provider or a person under 18 years of age if the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a primary care provider or women's health care provider. The bill requires the Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to adopt rules as specified in the bill. All state and federal laws governing insurance coverage of contraceptives shall apply to self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives prescribed under the provisions of the bill.

CONTRACEPTIVE REIMBURSEMENT (Section 376.1240)

The bill requires each health carrier or benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans in Missouri on or after January 1, 2017, and provides coverage for contraceptives to reimburse a health care provider or dispensing entity for dispensing a three-month supply of a prescription contraceptive for the first dispensing to an insured and 12-month supply for a refill of the same contraceptive regardless of whether the insured was enrolled in the health benefit plan or policy at the time of the first dispensing. The coverage required under these provisions must not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than similar health services provided by the health benefit plan.