

HB 1312 -- ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

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This bill changes the laws regarding the dispensing of contraceptives.

The bill adds the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives to the definition of the practice of pharmacy (Section 338.010, RSMo).

This 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 and to a person under 18 years of age if the person has evidence of a previous prescription. The Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to establish standard procedures for the prescribing of self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives by pharmacists. 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 (Section 338.660).

The bill requires each health carrier or benefit plan that offers health benefit plans in Missouri and provides coverage for contraceptives to reimburse a health care provider or dispensing entity for dispensing:

(1) a three-month supply of a prescription contraceptive for the first dispensing to an insured; and

(2) a three-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 (Section 376.1240).

This bill is the same as HB 8 (2017 2nd Extraordinary Session) and similar to HB 233 (2017) and HB 1679 (2016).