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Self-administered Hormonal Contraceptives Dispensed without a Prescription

Senate Bill 190 (SB 190) was passed during the 2021 Legislative Session. The language to the bill can be located here: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7622/Text>. SB 190 permits a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive to a patient **under a protocol established by regulation** by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy (Board), without a prescription from a practitioner. In summary, the regulation will require a pharmacist, who wishes to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive to a patient without a prescription, to:

1. Complete a 1-hour course of education concerning self-administered hormonal contraceptive approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or provided by a school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education; and
2. Notify the board of his or her intent to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptive under the protocol.

Once a pharmacist has completed the foregoing, the pharmacist must:

1. Complete a risk assessment questionnaire, substantially similar to the questionnaire provided in the protocol established by regulation, with the patient who requests a self-administered hormonal contraceptive and discuss the results of the questionnaire with the patient;
2. Utilize a treatment algorithm to determine whether it is safe to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive to the patient;
3. Provide certain records to a patient pertaining to his/her request for a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, including, without limitation, a copy of the risk assessment questionnaire if completed by the patient, regardless if a self-administered hormonal contraceptive is dispensed;
4. Dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive to the patient if it is safe to do so;
5. Provide information to the patient concerning the use of the contraceptive; AND
6. Maintain certain records relating to the dispensing of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive.

There are limitations on the quantity of self-administered hormonal contraceptives that can be dispensed to a patient, including, certain requirements relating to refills. The protocol established by regulation by the Board pertaining to the dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptive can be found here: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2021Register/R036-21AP.pdf>.