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STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 24-0403.01 Kristen Forrestal x4217

**SENATE BILL 24-087**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF A FACILITY-PROVIDED TOPICAL**  
102                    **MEDICATION TO A PATIENT FOR THE CONTINUITY OF THE**  
103                    **PATIENT'S TREATMENT AFTER A SURGICAL PROCEDURE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill allows a health-care provider and a health facility to provide a patient with certain topical medications for the patient's continuity of treatment after discharge from or leaving the health facility, if the medications were used at the health facility by the patient for a surgical procedure or for a visit to a physician's office or medical practice.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 22, 2024

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 15, 2024

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 12, 2024

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 12-30-123** as  
3 follows:

4 **12-30-123. Health-care providers - on-site administered**  
5 **topical medication - use for continued treatment - definition.** (1) AS  
6 USED IN THIS SECTION, "FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION" OR  
7 "MEDICATION" MEANS A TOPICAL MEDICATION THAT A HEALTH-CARE  
8 PROVIDER OR MEDICAL OFFICE HAS ON HAND OR THAT IS RETRIEVED FROM  
9 A DISPENSING SYSTEM FOR A SPECIFIED PATIENT FOR USE DURING A  
10 SURGICAL PROCEDURE OR A VISIT TO A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER.

11 (2) (a) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER MAY OFFER ANY UNUSED  
12 PORTION OF A FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION TO A PATIENT IF THE  
13 MEDICATION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED TREATMENT, THE MEDICATION  
14 DOES NOT CONTAIN A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, AND THE MEDICATION  
15 WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE PATIENT DURING THE PATIENT'S VISIT TO THE  
16 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER. THE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER SHALL DOCUMENT  
17 WITHIN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD THAT THE PATIENT MUST  
18 CONTINUE THE MEDICATION AT HOME, INCLUDING THE PATIENT'S DOSAGE  
19 AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

20 (b) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER SHALL LABEL A FACILITY-PROVIDED  
21 MEDICATION AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 280 OF THIS TITLE 12.

22 (3) IF A FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION IS USED FOR A PATIENT  
23 DURING A VISIT TO A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER AND THE  
24 FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION IS PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT FOR  
25 CONTINUITY OF TREATMENT, THE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER IS RESPONSIBLE  
26 FOR COUNSELING THE PATIENT ON THE PROPER USE OF THE MEDICATION,

1 AND A PHARMACIST'S REQUIREMENT TO COUNSEL THE PATIENT  
2 CONCERNING THE MEDICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-280-138 IS  
3 WAIVED.

4 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25-1-138 as  
5 follows:

6 25-1-138. Health facilities - on-site administered topical  
7 medication - use for continued treatment - definitions. (1) AS USED IN  
8 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (a) "FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION" OR "MEDICATION" MEANS  
10 A TOPICAL MEDICATION THAT A HEALTH FACILITY HAS ON HAND OR IS  
11 RETRIEVED FROM A DISPENSING SYSTEM FOR A SPECIFIED PATIENT FOR USE  
12 DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE OR A VISIT TO A HEALTH FACILITY.

13 (b) "HEALTH FACILITY" MEANS A HOSPITAL LICENSED PURSUANT  
14 TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 AND AN AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER  
15 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF THIS TITLE 25.

16 (2) (a) A HEALTH FACILITY OR HOSPITAL PHARMACY MAY OFFER  
17 ANY UNUSED PORTION OF A FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION TO A  
18 PATIENT UPON THE PATIENT'S DISCHARGE FROM THE HEALTH FACILITY IF  
19 THE MEDICATION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED TREATMENT, THE  
20 MEDICATION DOES NOT CONTAIN A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, AND THE  
21 MEDICATION WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE PATIENT DURING THE PATIENT'S  
22 VISIT TO THE HEALTH FACILITY. A HEALTH FACILITY SHALL DOCUMENT  
23 WITHIN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD THAT THE PATIENT MUST  
24 CONTINUE THE MEDICATION AT HOME, INCLUDING THE PATIENT'S DOSAGE  
25 AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

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27 (b) A HEALTH FACILITY OR HOSPITAL PHARMACY SHALL:

1 (I) LABEL A FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION WITH, AT A  
2 MINIMUM, THE FACILITY NAME, THE PRESCRIBING HEALTH-CARE  
3 PROVIDER'S NAME, THE PATIENT'S NAME, THE DRUG IDENTIFICATION, AND  
4 THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE IF THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT PROVIDED TO THE  
5 PATIENT AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE FROM THE FACILITY; OR

6 (II) IF THE FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION'S CONTAINER  
7 INCLUDES ONLY THE NAME AND STRENGTH OF THE MEDICATION, INCLUDE  
8 THE FACILITY NAME, THE PRESCRIBING HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER'S NAME,  
9 THE PATIENT'S NAME, AND THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE WITH EDUCATION  
10 MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE FROM  
11 THE FACILITY.

12 (3) IF A FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION IS USED FOR A PATIENT  
13 IN AN OPERATING ROOM OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SETTING OR FOR A  
14 VISIT TO A HEALTH FACILITY AND THE FACILITY-PROVIDED MEDICATION IS  
15 PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT FOR CONTINUITY OF TREATMENT, THE HEALTH  
16 FACILITY OR HOSPITAL PHARMACY, WHICHEVER PROVIDES THE  
17 MEDICATION, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNSELING THE PATIENT ON THE  
18 PROPER USE OF THE MEDICATION, AND A PHARMACIST'S REQUIREMENT TO  
19 COUNSEL THE PATIENT CONCERNING THE MEDICATION PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 12-280-138 IS WAIVED.

21 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
25 institutions.