

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to dispensing medicinal drugs;  
 3           amending s. 465.019, F.S.; authorizing individuals  
 4           licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a  
 5           48-hour supply, rather than a 24-hour supply, of such  
 6           drugs to any patient, including a discharged patient,  
 7           under certain circumstances; providing an effective  
 8           date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 465.019, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           465.019 Institutional pharmacies; permits.—

15           (4) Medicinal drugs shall be dispensed in an institutional  
 16 pharmacy to outpatients only when that institution has secured a  
 17 community pharmacy permit from the department. However, an  
 18 individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs in this state  
 19 may dispense up to a 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ supply of a medicinal drug  
 20 to any patient of or patient discharged from an emergency  
 21 department of a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III  
 22 institutional pharmacy, provided that the physician treating the  
 23 patient in such hospital's emergency department or the  
 24 discharged patient determines that the medicinal drug is  
 25 warranted and that community pharmacy services are not readily

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26 | accessible, geographically or otherwise, to the patient. Such  
27 | dispensing from the emergency department to any patient,  
28 | including a discharged patient, must be in accordance with the  
29 | procedures of the hospital. For any such patient for whom a  
30 | medicinal drug is warranted for a period to exceed 48 ~~24~~ hours,  
31 | an individual licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a  
32 | 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ supply of such drug to the patient and must  
33 | provide the patient with a prescription for such drug for use  
34 | after the initial 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ period. The board may adopt  
35 | rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.  
36 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.