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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

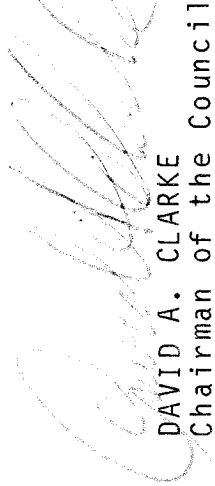
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 10-84

"Patient Counseling Temporary Amendment
Act of 1993".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 10-459 on first and second readings, November 2, 1993, and December 7, 1993, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 16, 1993, this legislation was assigned Act No. 10-158, published in the December 31, 1993, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 40 page 8865) and transmitted to Congress on December 28, 1993 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 10-84, effective March 19, 1994.



DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

January	25,26
February	1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,22,23,24,25,28
March	1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,18

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 10-158

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 16, 1993

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to establish patient counseling requirements for pharmacists providing prescription services to medical assistance recipients or their caregivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Patient Counseling Temporary Amendment Act of 1993."

Note,
Section
2-3310.6

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Code § 2-3301.1 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 1006a to read as follows:

"Sec. 1006a. Pharmacist consultation with medical assistance recipient or caregivers; records.

"(a) A pharmacist who provides prescription services to medical assistance recipients shall offer to discuss with each medical assistance recipient or caregiver who presents a prescription order for outpatient drugs any matter which, in the exercise of the pharmacist's professional judgment, the pharmacist deems significant, which may include the following:

"(1) The name and description of the medication;

"(2) The dosage form, dosage, route of administration, and duration of drug therapy;

"(3) Special directions, precautions for preparation, administration, and use by the patient;

"(4) Common severe side or adverse effects or interactions and therapeutic contraindications that may be encountered, including their avoidance, and the action required if they occur;

"(5) Techniques for self-monitoring drug therapy;

"(6) Proper storage;

"(7) Prescription refill information; and

"(8) Action to be taken in the event of a missed dose.

"(b) The offer to discuss may be made in the manner determined by the professional judgment of the pharmacist, which may include any 1 or a combination of the following:

"(1) A face-to-face communication with the pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee;

"(2) A sign posted in such a manner that it can be seen by patients;

"(3) A notation affixed to or written on the bag in which the prescription is to be dispensed;

"(4) A notation contained on the prescription container;

"(5) Communication by telephone; or

"(6) Any other manner prescribed by rule.

"(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a pharmacist to provide consultation if the medical assistance recipient or caregiver refuses the consultation. These refusals shall be noted in the profile maintained in accord with subsection (d) of this section for a medical assistance recipient.

"(d) A pharmacist shall make a reasonable effort to obtain, record, and maintain, at the individual pharmacy, the following minimal information regarding a medical assistance recipient receiving a prescription:

"(1) Name, address, telephone number, date of birth or age, and gender;

"(2) Individual patient history when significant, including known allergies and drug reactions, and a comprehensive list of medications and relevant devices; and

"(3) Pharmacist comments relevant to the individual's drug therapy, which may be recorded either manually or electronically in the patient's profile, including any failure to accept the pharmacist's offer to counsel.

"(e) This section shall apply only to medical assistance recipients presenting prescriptions for covered outpatient drugs.

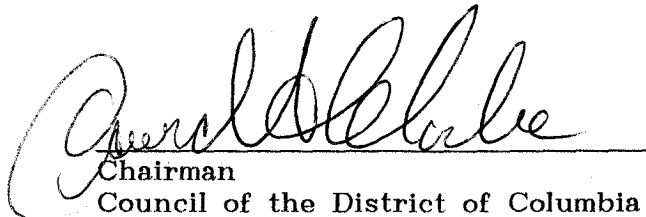
"(f) The requirements of this section do not apply to refill prescriptions.

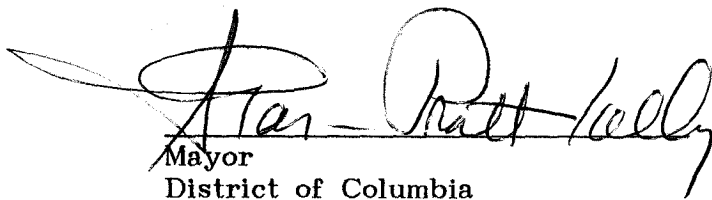
"(g) The Mayor may adopt regulations implementing the provisions of this section to assure compliance with federal medical assistance requirements."

Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any health care provider is deemed improper and would therefore cause the denial of any portion of the federal share of payment for Medical Assistance expenditures by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, then that provision shall be declared invalid, but the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or any other application of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Sec. 4. (a) This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

(b) This act shall expire on the 225th day of its having taken effect or upon the effective date of the Patient Counseling Amendment Act of 1993, whichever occurs first.


Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia


Mayor
District of Columbia

APPROVED : December 16, 1993



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Council Period

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: Bill 10-459

☐ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 11-2-93

☒ VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Lightfoot

☐ ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT _____ (____/____/____)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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BARRY					JARVIS					SMITH, JR.				
BRAZIL					LIGHTFOOT					THOMAS, SR.				
CHAVOUS					MASON									
CROPP					NATHANSON									

X — Indicates Vote A.B. — Absent N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Stephen James

Secretary to the Council

12-9-93

Date

☒ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 12-7-93

☒ VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Chavous, Smith and Nathanson

☐ ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT _____ (____/____/____)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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