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**DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
(WEBEX MEETING)**

Board of Pharmacy Mission Statement:

“To protect and improve the public health through the efficient and effective regulation of the practice of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Detailing; through the licensure of Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Detailers, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians.”

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

<p>Introduction:</p>		
<p>1012-O-01</p>	<p>Self-administered Hormonal Contraception Pamphlet Final Edits</p> <p><i>Executive Director of Board of Pharmacy shared a version with updated language and a separate version with updated pictures. Changes will be merged prior to approval by full Board. Other minor edits needed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>There is a black dot and what appears to be a handwritten comma under levonorgestrel in IUD and emergency contraception sections</i> ○ <i>When looking at the pictures on the brochure, consider using the new front picture and old back picture – all in agreement</i> ○ <i>Under "Progestin-Only Pill", move "(a progestin only pill will soon be available over the counter)" to the paragraph below in black</i> ○ <i>Under "Spermicides" there is a formatting error "...or male condom. They..."</i> ○ <i>Front cover: Add a period after "...if it's the right time."</i> ○ <i>Under Fertility Awareness Methods, remove duplicate "or avoid getting pregnant"</i> <p><i>Executive Director of Board of Pharmacy will make edits and email to the group for review prior to the November meeting</i></p>	
<p>1012-O-02</p>	<p>Public Comments on proposed Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive Prescription regulations</p> <p><i>Albersons Discussion of comments:</i></p> <p><i>6517.10: Change language to "In order to obtain a prescription for an additional 12 months..."and at the end of the paragraph, "the twelve (12) month period prior to the date of that prescription."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>We want to make clear that we're not talking about each refill, we're talking about a new 12 month supply</i> ○ <i>MSDC also commented similarly on this section, so this addresses their concern as well</i> <p><i>6517.13: This regulation is adapted directly from the law, so we are unable to change</i></p> <p><i>Discussion of prescriptive authority of a pharmacist (6517.3)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>MD has now defined pharmacists as providers, DC does not have this definition</i> 	

	<p><i>Discussion of 6517.3 - requirement for prescribing pharmacist to be dispensing pharmacist</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Will need to discuss with Board of Medicine</i> ○ <i>Intention is not to make it more difficult to obtain refills</i> ○ <i>We all agree that any pharmacist SHOULD be able to dispense refills, but this may need further clarification in the regulations after discussion with BoM</i> 	
1012-O-03	<p>Action Steps/Next meeting</p> <p><i>Invite Dr. Anderson (Board of Medicine Chair) to next subcommittee meeting to review comments, get on same page, then take to full Board of Pharmacy in December</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Friedman to send latest versions of the forms to the subcommittee that were developed by the joint workgroup</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Committee to review and pay special attention to any changes we may be recommending in the regs and that these are aligned with the forms</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>e.g. language change from refills to 12 month supply does not conflict with our forms</i> ○ <i>Also make sure that language aligns with draft birth control options pamphlet</i> <p><i>Next meeting: Thursday, November 16 from 13:30-15:30 (off-schedule to accommodate absences on normal date)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Plan to go through each section with Dr. Anderson</i> <p><i>Executive Director of Board of Pharmacy to send an email with forms, regulations, law all together</i></p>	
<u>Comments from the Public</u>	<i>None</i>	
	<p><i>In closing the Committee discussed bring the focus of calls to address Pharmacy working conditions. The intent is to start back work on this topic during the December BOP Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee meeting as the majority of the necessary changes to the Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive Prescription regulations have been addressed.</i></p>	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee meeting.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at 3:26 PM

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