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Re: Kansas Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Advisory Committee

Dear Kansas Physician,

You may be aware that the 2022 Legislature enacted SB 200 which gave the Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Advisory Committee (CDTM) authority to adopt protocols for Pharmacists to initiate therapy within the framework of a statewide protocol for the following health conditions:

- Influenza
- Streptococcal pharyngitis
- Urinary tract infection

The CDTM is authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1677 and is comprised of seven members: one member who is appointed by the Board of Pharmacy, who serves as the nonvoting chairperson, three licensed Pharmacists appointed by the State Board of Pharmacy, at least two of whom shall have experience in collaborative drug therapy management, and three people licensed to practice medicine and surgery appointed by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, at least two of whom have experience in collaborative drug therapy management.

The CDTM has worked diligently to draft and authorize protocols which give participating Pharmacists the authority to test and treat the three approved health conditions. To view the protocols, please visit the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy <u>Protocol website</u>. You will note there are inclusion and exclusion criteria for each protocol. The CDTM maintained patient safety as the core value throughout the drafting process.

Please be aware that not all pharmacies/Pharmacists will decide to participate and provide these services to patients now or in the future. There are training procedures they must complete to be eligible to engage in each protocol. Each patient that utilizes services under a protocol is required to be provided with a summary and, if they provide contact information, notice to their primary care provider.

This correspondence is simply to ensure you are aware this legislation was enacted, and the protocols are in place and active so if you have a patient or hear of a pharmacist testing for and treating one of the included health conditions you will be aware. If you have concerns a Pharmacist is testing and treating these or any healthcare conditions in a manner outside the bounds of the protocols, you can make a report to the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy on the form found here. If you believe a Pharmacist is practicing in a manner that constitutes the unlicensed practice of medicine, you can file a complaint with the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts on the form found here.

If you have additional questions, please contact either Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts at 785-296-3680 or Alexandra Blasi, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Board of Pharmacy, rx.inspector@ks.gov.

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