

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
REGULATION
of the
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

(NAME OF AGENCY)

concerning
COLLABORATIVE DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT

(SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION)

Section 1. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections 20-631-1 to 20-631-3, inclusive, as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 20-631-1. Competency Requirements.

To qualify for participation in a collaborative drug therapy management agreement, a pharmacist shall be licensed in this state and shall meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- a. Ten years of clinical experience;
- b. Certification by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties;
- c. Certification by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy;
- d. A credential in disease state management from the National Institute for Standards in Pharmacist Credentialing;
- e. Pharmacy residency accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; or
- f. Completion of a disease state management certification program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

(NEW) Sec. 20-631-2. Content of a Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Agreement.

A collaborative drug therapy management agreement shall include:

- a. The types of prescriptive authority decisions the pharmacist may make (e.g., initiation, continuation or modification);
- b. Patients who are eligible for treatment;
- c. The types of diseases, drugs, or drug categories involved (there are no limitations on disease states or conditions);
- d. The procedures, decision criteria, plans, or guidelines the pharmacist is to follow when making therapeutic decisions, particularly when initiating or modifying drug therapy;
- e. Required training;
- f. A plan for periodic review, feedback and quality assurance; and
- g. Procedures for documenting prescribing decisions.

(NEW) Sec. 20-631-3. Content of Patient Protocol.

A written protocol for a specific patient established pursuant to a collaborative drug therapy management agreement shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- a. The specific drug or drugs to be managed by the pharmacist;
- b. The terms and conditions under which drug therapy may be implemented, modified or discontinued;
- c. The conditions and events that the pharmacist is required to report to the physician;
- d. The laboratory tests that may be ordered by the pharmacist; and
- e. The drugs that may be administered by the pharmacist.

Statement of Purpose:

(A) Purpose: These regulations establish requirements for collaborative drug therapy agreements between physicians and pharmacists. Section 91 of Public Act 10-117 requires the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt these regulations.

(B) Summary: These regulations establish: 1. the competency requirements for pharmacists to qualify for participation in a drug therapy management agreement; 2. the minimum content of a collaborative drug therapy management agreement; and 3. the content of the written protocol for each patient. The Department of Public Health was consulted in drafting these regulations, pursuant to Section 20-631(b) of the General Statutes, as amended by Section 91 of Public Act 10-117.

(C) Legal Effects: These regulations establish requirements for collaborative drug therapy agreements between physicians and pharmacists. If a pharmacist enters into a collaborative drug therapy agreement but fails to comply with these regulations, he or she may face administrative action against the pharmacist's license. The administrative remedies include revocation or suspension of the license, probation, civil penalties or a letter of reprimand.

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations Emergency Regulations

Are:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Sections **4-168** and _____ of the General Statutes and

Section 20-631(d) of the General Statutes, as amended by **Public Act No. 117 of the 2010 Public Acts (§91)**.

Public Act No. ____ of the _____ Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on _____ of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): And the holding of an advertised public hearing on _____ day of _____ 20 ____

WHEREFORE, _____ the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

In Witness Whereof:	DATE	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission)	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER
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Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:	SIGNED	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED
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- Approved
- Disapproved
- Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Rejected without prejudice.

By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes.	DATE	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)
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Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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INSTRUCTIONS

One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the General Statutes.

Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in capital letters and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.