

2013 Legislative Session Outcomes (beginning with bills that passed)

SB903: Increasing the Membership of the Commission of Pharmacy

Purpose: To increase the membership of the Commission of Pharmacy from six to seven members, and to specify that one of the pharmacist members be from an independent retail setting and another from a chain retail setting.

Status: PASSED and sent to Governor for signing

HB5747: Synchronizing Prescription Refills

Purpose: To require individual insurance policies to cover refills of prescription drugs made in accordance with a plan to synchronize refilling multiple prescriptions for certain insured persons.

Status: PASSED and sent to Governor for signing

HB6644: Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes

Purpose: To make various changes to the public health statutes. Statutes affected include Biomedical Research Trust Fund, cancer screening services, long-term care facilities, definition of "institution" (added short-term hospital special hospice, hospice inpatient facility), institutional licensing fees, institutional inspections, etc.

Status: PASSED and signed by Governor

HB6389: Prescription Drug Monitoring

Purpose: To require health care practitioners to register for access to the electronic prescription drug monitoring program.

Status: PASSED both chambers

HB6545: Medicaid Drug Step Therapy

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SB857: The Use of Step Therapy for and Off-Label Prescribing of Prescription Drugs

Purpose: To regulate the imposition of certain prescription drug utilization requirements on insureds.

Status: DIED on Senate calendar

SB955: Pharmacy Audits

Purpose: To regulate pharmacy audits conducted by pharmacy benefit managers and other entities

Status: DIED on Senate calendar

SB958: Electronic Funds Transfer Payments by Pharmacy Benefits Managers to Pharmacies

Purpose: To require pharmacy benefit managers to pay claims, upon written request by a pharmacy, to such pharmacy by electronic funds transfer

Status: DIED on House calendar

HB5347: Prescription Drug Labels

Purpose: To lower the incidence of drug overdoses

Status: DIED on House calendar

HB5906: Prescriptions for Controlled Substances and Use of the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System

Purpose: To ensure health care practitioners are aware of patients' histories of controlled drug use prior to prescribing controlled substances.

Status: DIED on House calendar

HB6320: Health Insurance Coverage of Orally and Intravenously Administered Medications

Purpose: To require health insurance that provides coverage for intravenously administered medications for the treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the prevention of disabling or life-threatening chronic diseases to provide coverage for orally administered medications for such treatment, palliation or therapeutic intervention on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered medications.

Status: DIED on House calendar

HB6439: The Disposal and Collection of Unused Medication

Purpose: To encourage the disposal of unwanted medication.

Status: DIED on House calendar