

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to dispensing medicinal drugs;
 3 amending s. 465.019, F.S.; authorizing certain
 4 individuals to prescribe and dispense a limited supply
 5 of medicinal drugs to any patient of an emergency
 6 department of a hospital or a patient discharged from
 7 a hospital under certain circumstances; providing an
 8 effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 465.019, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 465.019 Institutional pharmacies; permits.—

15 (4) Medicinal drugs shall be dispensed in an institutional
 16 pharmacy to outpatients only when that institution has secured a
 17 community pharmacy permit from the department. However, ~~an~~
 18 ~~individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs in this state~~
 19 ~~may be dispensed by dispense up to a 24-hour supply of a~~
 20 ~~medicinal drug to any patient of an emergency department of a~~
 21 hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional
 22 pharmacy to a patient of the hospital's emergency department or
 23 a hospital inpatient upon discharge, if a prescriber provided
 24 ~~that the physician~~ treating the patient in such hospital
 25 ~~hospital's emergency department~~ determines that the medicinal

26 drug is warranted and that community pharmacy services are not
27 readily accessible, geographically or otherwise, to the patient.
28 Such prescribing and dispensing ~~from the emergency department~~
29 ~~must be in accordance with the procedures of the hospital. For~~
30 ~~any such patient for whom a medicinal drug is warranted for a~~
31 ~~period to exceed 24 hours, an individual licensed to prescribe~~
32 ~~such drug~~ must be for the greater of dispense a 24-hour supply
33 of such drug or a supply of such drug which must last the
34 patient until the next business day, ~~to the patient and the~~
35 prescriber must provide the patient with a prescription for such
36 drug for use after such ~~the~~ initial ~~24-hour~~ period. The board
37 may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this
38 subsection.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.