

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 a 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 the 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 for the greater of ~~in accordance with the procedures of~~  
30 ~~the hospital. For any such patient for whom a medicinal drug is~~  
31 ~~warranted for a period to exceed 24 hours, an individual~~  
32 ~~licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a 24-hour supply~~  
33 of such drug or a supply of such drug which must last until the  
34 next business day to the patient and the prescriber must provide  
35 the patient with a prescription for such drug for use after such  
36 ~~the initial 24-hour~~ period. The board may adopt rules necessary  
37 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.