

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the administration of medications
3 by pharmacists; creating s. 465.1894, F.S.;
4 authorizing pharmacists, at the direction of certain
5 licensed physicians, to administer medications under
6 certain circumstances; providing recordkeeping
7 requirements; requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt
8 rules; amending s. 395.0197, F.S.; requiring
9 facilities to maintain documentation relating to
10 pharmacist qualifications; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 **Section 1. Section 465.1894, Florida Statutes, is created**
16 **to read:**

17 465.1894 Administration of medications.—

18 (1) A pharmacist, at the direction of a physician licensed
19 under chapter 458 or chapter 459, who meets the following
20 qualifications may administer medications to a patient during a
21 life-threatening emergency event at a Level 1 or Level 2 Trauma
22 Center when delegated to perform such task:

23 (a) The pharmacist has completed an accredited
24 postgraduate residency training program; or

25 (b) The pharmacist has completed at least 3 years of

26 direct patient care in a hospital setting.

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28 A trauma center that permits a physician to delegate the
29 administration of medication to a pharmacist must maintain
30 records pursuant to s. 395.0197(5) including, but not limited
31 to, documentation that the administering pharmacist meets the
32 requirements of this section.

33 (2) The board shall adopt rules to administer this
34 section.

35 **Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**
36 **395.0197, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

37 395.0197 Internal risk management program.—

38 (1) Every licensed facility shall, as a part of its
39 administrative functions, establish an internal risk management
40 program that includes all of the following components:

41 (b) The development of appropriate measures to minimize
42 the risk of adverse incidents to patients, including, but not
43 limited to:

44 1. Risk management and risk prevention education and
45 training of all nonphysician personnel as follows:

46 a. Such education and training of all nonphysician
47 personnel as part of their initial orientation; and

48 b. At least 1 hour of such education and training annually
49 for all personnel of the licensed facility working in clinical
50 areas and providing patient care, except those persons licensed

51 as health care practitioners who are required to complete
52 continuing education coursework pursuant to chapter 456 or the
53 respective practice act.

54 2. A prohibition, except when emergency circumstances
55 require otherwise, against a staff member of the licensed
56 facility attending a patient in the recovery room, unless the
57 staff member is authorized to attend the patient in the recovery
58 room and is in the company of at least one other person.
59 However, a licensed facility is exempt from the two-person
60 requirement if it has:

- 61 a. Live visual observation;
- 62 b. Electronic observation; or
- 63 c. Any other reasonable measure taken to ensure patient
64 protection and privacy.

65 3. A prohibition against an unlicensed person from
66 assisting or participating in any surgical procedure unless the
67 facility has authorized the person to do so following a
68 competency assessment, and such assistance or participation is
69 done under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed
70 physician and is not otherwise an activity that may only be
71 performed by a licensed health care practitioner.

72 4. Development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of
73 procedures, protocols, and systems to accurately identify
74 patients, planned procedures, and the correct site of the
75 planned procedure so as to minimize the performance of a

76 surgical procedure on the wrong patient, a wrong surgical
77 procedure, a wrong-site surgical procedure, or a surgical
78 procedure otherwise unrelated to the patient's diagnosis or
79 medical condition.

80 5. For a Level 1 or Level 2 Trauma Center, development,
81 implementation, and ongoing evaluation of procedures, protocols,
82 and systems to permit and comply with pharmacist administration
83 of medications to a patient during a life-threatening emergency
84 event, if the facility permits the delegation of such task
85 pursuant to s. 465.1894.

86 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.