

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/HB 1425](#)

TITLE: Consultant Pharmacists

SPONSOR(S): Booth

COMPANION BILL: [SB 1142](#) (Wright)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

Committee References

[Health Care Facilities & Systems](#)

18 Y, 0 N, As CS



[Health & Human Services](#)

24 Y, 0 N

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

CS/HB 1425 allows a consultant pharmacist to provide medication management services at health care clinics that are owned by a hospital or at least one physician that is employed by or contracted with a hospital.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

None

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ANALYSIS

EFFECT OF THE BILL:

CS/HB 1425 adds [health care clinics](#) owned by a hospital, or by at least one physician that is employed by or contracted with a hospital, to the list of health care facilities in which a [consultant pharmacist](#) may provide [medication management services](#) under a collaborative practice agreement. (Section [1](#)).

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2026. (Section [2](#)).

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

Pharmacist Licensure & Regulation

The Board of Pharmacy (Board), within the Department of Health (DOH), regulates the practice of pharmacists pursuant to ch. 465, F.S. There are 27,780 pharmacists with active, in-state licenses to practice in Florida.¹ To be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist, a person must:²

- Complete an application and remit a fee;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Hold a Doctor of Pharmacy degree³ from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the US Office of Education;⁴

¹ Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance Annual Report (2025). Available at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2025.10.31.FY24-25MQAAR-FINAL1-1.pdf> (last visited February 13, 2026).

² [S. 465.007, F.S.](#); see also, Florida Board of Pharmacy, Pharmacist Licensure by Examination for U.S. and Puerto Rico Graduates. Available at <https://floridaspharmacy.gov/pharmacist/> (last visited January 31, 2026).

³ Individuals who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy before January 1, 2001 are also eligible for licensure. See,

⁴ *Id.* If the applicant has graduated from a 4-year undergraduate pharmacy program of a school or college of pharmacy located outside the United States, the applicant must demonstrate proficiency in English, pass the board-approved Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination, and complete a minimum of 500 hours in a supervised work activity program within Florida under the supervision of a Florida-licensed pharmacist.

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- Have completed a total of 2,080 hours of a Board-approved internship program; and
- Pass both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).

Pharmacist Scope of Practice

In Florida, the practice of the profession of pharmacy includes:⁵

- Compounding, dispensing, and consulting concerning contents, therapeutic values, and uses of a medicinal drug;
- Consulting concerning therapeutic values and interactions of patent or proprietary preparations;
- Monitoring a patient's drug therapy and assisting the patient in the management of his or her drug therapy, including the review of the patient's drug therapy and communication with the patient's prescribing health care provider or other persons specifically authorized by the patient, regarding the drug therapy; and
- Transmitting information from prescribers to their patients.

A pharmacist may not alter a prescriber's directions, diagnose or treat any disease, initiate any drug therapy, or practice medicine or osteopathic medicine, unless permitted by law.⁶

Pharmacists may also order and dispense drugs that are included in a limited formulary developed by a committee composed of members of the Board of Medicine (BOM), the Board of Osteopathic Medicine (BOOM), and the Board.⁷ Using professional judgement and subject to conditions established by the Board, a pharmacist may also order certain oral analgesics, anti-nausea preparations, antihistamines, and ophthalmic solutions, among others as authorized by Board rule.⁸

Pharmacist Clinical Services

In addition to the standard pharmacy scope of practice outlined above, current law allows a pharmacist to provide other patient care services if specific conditions are met. A pharmacist may administer vaccines and epinephrine auto-injections upon completing a certification program approved by the Board in consultation with the BOM and BOOM.⁹

Current law also allows a pharmacist to provide additional patient care services in collaboration with a physician. Under a written collaborative practice agreement or protocol with a physician, a pharmacist who meets required certification, liability, and continuing education requirements can provide the following services to a general patient population:

- Testing or screening for and treatment of minor, nonchronic health conditions;¹⁰
- Administer antipsychotic medication by injection;¹¹ and
- Order and dispense post-exposure prophylaxis medication to reduce risk of HIV infection.¹²

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⁵ [S. 465.003\(13\), F.S.](#)

⁶ [S. 465.003, F.S.](#)

⁷ [S. 456.186, F.S.](#)

⁸ Rule 64B16-27.220, F.A.C.

⁹ [S. 465.189, F.S.](#)

¹⁰ [S. 465.1895, F.S.](#)

¹¹ [S. 465.1893, F.S.](#)

¹² [S. 465.1861, F.S.](#)

A consultant pharmacist is a licensed pharmacist who has been additionally licensed to provide direct patient services outside of the standard pharmacist scope. A consultant pharmacist provides medication management services in a health care facility within the framework of a collaborative practice agreement.¹³ There are 3,136 consultant pharmacists with active, in-state licenses to practice in Florida.¹⁴

To be licensed as a consultant pharmacist, an individual must:¹⁵

- Hold a license as a pharmacist which is active and in good standing; and
- Successfully complete a board-approved consultant pharmacist course of no fewer than 20 hours.¹⁶

A consultant pharmacist must enter into a written collaborative practice agreement with the medical director of a health care facility or a physician,¹⁷ podiatrist,¹⁸ or dentist¹⁹ who is authorized to prescribe drugs in order to provide medication management services. A consultant pharmacist is not authorized to diagnose any condition or disease. The collaborative practice agreement must outline the specific [medication management services](#) that the consultant pharmacist is authorized to provide, which may include:²⁰

- Ordering and evaluating any laboratory or clinical tests to monitor drug therapy and treatment outcomes, as well as to promote and evaluate patient health and wellness;
- Conducting patient assessments as appropriate to evaluate and monitor drug therapy;
- Modifying or discontinuing medicinal drugs as outlined in the agreed upon patient-specific order or preapproved treatment protocol under the direction of a physician;²¹ and
- Administering medicinal drugs.

Under current law, consultant pharmacists may provide medication management services in the following facilities:

- Ambulatory surgical center or hospital;²²
- An alcohol or chemical dependency treatment center;²³
- An inpatient hospice;²⁴
- A nursing home;²⁵
- An ambulatory care center;²⁶
- A nursing home component within a continuing care facility.²⁷

¹³ [S. 465.0125, F.S.](#)

¹⁴ Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance Annual Report (2025). Available at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2025.10.31.FY24-25MQAAR-FINAL1-1.pdf> (last visited February 8, 2026).

¹⁵ See, Rule 64B16-26.301, F.A.C.

¹⁶ The course must be approved by the Florida Board of Pharmacy Tripartite Continuing Education Committee which is based on the Statement of the Competencies Required in Institutional Pharmacy Practice. See, Rule 64B16-26.301, F.A.C. The Board of Pharmacy revised the licensure requirements for consultant pharmacists in 2020. Prior to the 2020 changes, a pharmacist was required to complete a 12-hour continuing education course, and a minimum of a 40-hour preceptorship under the supervision and training of a licensed consultant pharmacist in order for a person to be eligible for licensure as a consultant pharmacist. See, Florida Administrative Register, Volume 46, Number 210, October 27, 2020. Available at <https://flrules.org/Faw/FAWDocuments/FAWVOLUMEFOLDERS2020/46210/46210doc.pdf> (last visited February 12, 2026).

¹⁷ An allopathic or osteopathic physician licensed under ch. 458, F.S., or ch. 459, F.S.

¹⁸ Licensed under ch. 461, F.S.

¹⁹ Licensed under ch. 466, F.S.

²⁰ [S. 465.0125\(1\)\(a\), F.S.](#)

²¹ A consultant pharmacist may not modify or discontinue medicinal drugs prescribed by a health care practitioner who does not have a written collaborative practice agreement with the consultant pharmacist; see, [s. 465.0125\(1\)\(b\), F.S.](#)

²² Licensed under Ch. 395, F.S.

²³ Licensed under Ch. 397, F.S.

²⁴ Licensed under part IV of Ch. 400, F.S.

²⁵ Licensed under part II of Ch. 400, F.S.

²⁶ As defined in [s. 408.07, F.S.](#)

²⁷ The nursing home component licensed under Ch. 400, F.S., within a continuing care facility licensed under Ch. 651, F.S.

[Health Care Clinics](#)

A health care clinic is an entity that provides health care services and tenders charges for reimbursement for these services to payors such as Medicare, private insurance or other sources, including mobile clinics and portable equipment providers.²⁸ All such clinics must be licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), unless they qualify for an exemption, which is based on the entity's ownership structure and other factors.²⁹

Health care clinics are required to have a medical director employed or under contract with the clinic who is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the clinic. The medical director must hold an active, unencumbered license as a medical,³⁰ osteopathic,³¹ chiropractic,³² or podiatric³³ physician.³⁴ AHCA may issue an emergency suspension of a health care clinic's license if the clinic is operated or maintained without a medical director.³⁵

BILL HISTORY

COMMITTEE REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE	STAFF DIRECTOR/ POLICY CHIEF	ANALYSIS PREPARED BY
Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee	18 Y, 0 N, As CS	2/12/2026	Lloyd	Osborne
THE CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:	- Deleted the section of the bill related to pharmacy benefit managers. - Removed the reference to licensure under Part X of Ch. 400, F.S. for health care clinics.			
Health & Human Services Committee	24 Y, 0 N	2/8/2026	Calamas	Osborne

THIS BILL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

²⁸ [S. 400.9950\(4\), F.S.](#)

²⁹ See, [s. 400.9905\(4\), F.S.](#), and Agency for Health Care Administration, *Health Care Clinic Frequently Asked Questions*. Available at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/health-quality-assurance/bureau-of-health-facility-regulation/hospital-outpatient-services-unit/health-care-clinics> (last visited February 8, 2026).

³⁰ Licensed under ch. 458, F.S.

³¹ Licensed under ch. 459, F.S.

³² Licensed under ch. 460, F.S.

³³ Licensed under ch. 460, F.S.

³⁴ [S. 400.9905\(5\), F.S.](#); see also, Rule 59A-33.008, F.A.C.

³⁵ Rule 59A-33.008, F.A.C.