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## Statewide Standing Order for Hormonal Contraceptives

**Purpose:** IC 16-19-4-12 requires the State Health Commissioner to issue a statewide standing order (the Standing Order) which allows a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives until the Indiana Board of Pharmacy (the Board) enacts regulations concerning the practice.

**Eligible Providers:** Pharmacists licensed pursuant to IC 25-26-13 who have completed training on hormonal contraceptives approved by the Board.

**Eligible Recipients:** Patients who are at least 18 years of age who the Eligible Provider determines may receive hormonal contraception in accordance with the Standing Order and the Protocol for Pharmacists Dispensing Hormonal Contraceptive Patches and Self-Administered Hormonal Contraception under Standing Order (the Protocol).

**Hormonal contraception:** Hormonal contraception includes:

(1) A hormonal contraception patch – a transdermal patch applied to the skin of a woman, by the woman or by the pharmacist, that releases a drug composed of a combination of hormones that is approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent pregnancy.

(2) Self-administered hormonal contraception – a drug that is composed of a hormone or a combination of hormones that is approved by the FDA to prevent pregnancy and that the woman to whom the drug is prescribed may administer to herself.

This term excludes a drug, substance, or device that contains a progesterone receptor antagonist.

**Procedure:** When a patient requests a medication for contraception, or when a pharmacist in his or her professional judgment decides to ask about pregnancy prevention, the pharmacist, in accordance with the Protocol:

- 1) Shall conduct an assessment and provide a referral to the patient's primary care provider or other reproductive health care provider.
- 2) May dispense hormonal contraception for a period not more than six months and may not issue a prescription to the woman after twelve months unless the patient has been seen a physician, advance practice nurse, or physician assistant in the previous twelve months.

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- 3) Shall provide a written record of the contraceptive prescribed.
- 4) Shall provide counseling about the therapy.
- 5) Shall document the patient's screening and the prescription records in the pharmacy records in accordance with IC 16-39-7-1.
- 6) Refer a patient to the appropriate health care provider.

**Geographic Region:** This Standing Order is applicable statewide.

**Standing Orders Authorization:** This Standing Order is being issued pursuant to IC 16-19-4-12.

This Standing Order shall be reviewed annually by the state department of health and revised as needed. This Standing Order is effective September 1, 2023 until the Board adopts rules concerning prescribing and dispensing hormonal contraception.

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