

Pharmacists' scope of practice has expanded to include hormonal contraceptives

Michigan Senate Bill 5436 was signed into law in December 2024 as Public Act 242 with an implementation date of March 12, 2026. It expands pharmacists' scope of practice to allow them to prescribe hormonal contraceptive patches, self-administered hormonal contraceptives, emergency contraceptives and vaginal ring hormonal contraceptives.

What pharmacists must do to provide expanded services

To provide the services allowed by this law, pharmacists must:

- Complete the required appropriate training, as identified by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
- Comply with all other requirements specified in Public Act 242.

What pharmacies must do to bill for expanded services

To bill for expanded services, pharmacies must join the Blue Cross Vaccine Affiliation program. For additional information, see the following documents:

- [Blue Cross Vaccine Affiliation program](#)
- [Blue Cross Vaccine Affiliation program payable procedure codes and billing information](#) — Includes information about the claim filing indicators that are required when submitting electronic 837 professional claims for medical services

Key elements of the law

Under Michigan Public Act 242 of 2024, pharmacists must:

- Complete the appropriate training, as required by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, or LARA.
- Issue the self-screening risk assessment, developed by LARA, prior to issuing the prescription. The law prohibits pharmacists from issuing a prescription for a hormonal contraceptive if the patient doesn't complete the risk assessment.
- Advise the patient to consult with a health care provider, including the referring the member for follow-up care as follows:
 - If the patient hasn't had an annual physical in the last 12 months, refer the patient to their primary care provider.

- If the patient doesn't have a primary care provider, refer the patient to an appropriate health care provider.
- Provide the patient with a written record of the prescribed contraceptive.
- Dispense the contraceptive as soon as possible after issuing the prescription or send the prescription to a pharmacy of the patient's choice.

For complete information about Public Act 242, see the [MCL - Section 333.17744g](#) page on [legislature.mi.gov](#).*

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