

## HB146 INTRODUCED



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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Existing law requires Ivermectin to be dispensed  
6 by a pharmacist only on the prescription of a licensed  
7 physician.

8 This bill would permit a physician, a physician  
9 assistant, or a certified registered nurse practitioner  
10 to give a pharmacist a standing order to dispense  
11 Ivermectin to individuals without an individual  
12 prescription. The standing order would contain a  
13 protocol providing the pharmacist with guidelines for  
14 providing Ivermectin to individuals who request it.

15 This bill would prohibit health care providers  
16 and pharmacists from participating in any program or  
17 receiving any benefit that would induce them to  
18 encourage patients or the public to use Ivermectin.

19 This bill would also prohibit health care  
20 providers qualified to give a standing order and  
21 pharmacists who follow a standing order from being  
22 subject to disciplinary action from the respective  
23 governing licensing board as a result of dispensing  
24 Ivermectin.

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27 A BILL  
28 TO BE ENTITLED



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AN ACT

Relating to prescription drugs; to provide for the dispensing of Ivermectin by a pharmacist without an individual prescription pursuant to a standing order issued by a physician, physician assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner; and to protect physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners, and pharmacists from licensure disciplinary action due to dispensing Ivermectin.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. A physician licensed by the Medical Licensure Commission pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 24 of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975; a physician assistant licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 24 of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975; or a certified registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified by the Board of Nursing pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 21 of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) STANDING ORDER. A prescription order that is not patient specific.

(b) A pharmacist may dispense Ivermectin without a prescription to an individual who is 19 years of age or older, or to an unemancipated individual under 19 years of age upon written consent of the individual's parent or legal guardian, pursuant to a standing order that is signed by a health care provider.



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(c) The standing order shall include all of the following:

(1) A risk assessment protocol for use by the pharmacist to screen an individual who requests Ivermectin and which includes a plan for treating adverse events.

(2) A standardized information sheet that provides the following information for the individual who is dispensed Ivermectin:

a. Indications and contraindications for the use of Ivermectin.

b. Instructions for using Ivermectin.

c. A statement on the importance of follow-up care and health care referral information.

(3) A form for the pharmacist to record the completion of the risk assessment protocol and the dosage dispensed to the individual.

(d) No health care provider who signs a standing order, and no pharmacist who dispenses Ivermectin pursuant to a standing order, shall participate in any program or accept anything of value that induces the health care provider or pharmacist to affirmatively commend or endorse the use of Ivermectin to an individual or the public.

(e) (1) The governing licensing board shall not take disciplinary action against a health care provider who signs a standing order for Ivermectin that is based upon a pharmacist's dispensing of Ivermectin pursuant to that standing order.

(2) The State Board of Pharmacy shall not take



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disciplinary action against a pharmacist based upon any of the following:

a. The pharmacist's failure in good faith to correctly interpret and follow the standing order upon dispensing Ivermectin.

b. A defect in the standing order upon which the pharmacist relies when dispensing Ivermectin.

c. The pharmacist's refusal to dispense Ivermectin upon the request of an individual, notwithstanding the existence of a standing order for Ivermectin signed by a health care provider which covers the pharmacist's employer or practice.

(f) This section shall not constitute standards of, nor be construed as evidence for, the practice of medicine or the practice of pharmacy. Nothing in this section shall alter, amend, or supersede any provision of Section 6-5-333, Code of Alabama 1975, or the Alabama Medical Liability Act of 1987, commencing with Section 6-5-540, Code of Alabama 1975, or the Alabama Medical Liability Act of 1996, commencing with Section 6-5-548, Code of Alabama 1975, or any amendment to any of the foregoing, or any judicial interpretation of the foregoing.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Alabama Medicaid Agency, or any insurer, health maintenance organization, health care service corporation, or other third-party payor from determining the scope of its benefits or services, setting terms for group or individual insured, subscriber, or enrollee contracts, or negotiating contracts with licensed providers on reimbursement rates or other lawful provisions. However, the contract providing



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113 coverage to an insured cannot exclude the right to assign  
114 benefits to any provider at the same benefit as paid to a  
115 contract provider.

116 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
117 1, 2026.