

Amendment to SB 522

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Controlled Drugs Containing Opiates; Warnings Required. Amend RSA 318-B:16-a to read as
4 follows:

5 318-B:16-a Controlled Drugs Containing Opiates; Warning Label **and Verbal**
6 **Acknowledgment** Required.

7 **I.** Any controlled drug containing opiates dispensed by a health care provider or pharmacy
8 shall have an orange sticker with the word "opioid" in easily legible font placed on the cap or
9 dispenser and shall have a warning label stating "Risk of addiction and overdose." The health care
10 provider or pharmacist shall also provide each person with a handout which shall be developed and
11 approved by the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse, prevention, treatment, and
12 recovery which shall include guidance on associated risks of opioid use and how to mitigate them.

13 **II. Prior to an initial prescription under this section, the patient's prescribing**
14 **health care provider shall receive and document a verbal acknowledgment from the**
15 **patient of the risk of addiction and overdose for opioids.**

16 **III.** This section shall not apply to:

17 **(a)** Pharmacists or a pharmacy that dispenses a drug containing an opioid that is
18 administered to a patient treated in a health care facility required to be licensed under RSA 151.

19 **(b) A person residing in a facility operated by the New Hampshire department of**
20 **corrections or in a county correctional facility who will be administered opioid**
21 **medications only by a licensed health care professional.**

22 **IV.** A patient may remove the cap sticker or warning label.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a health care provider making an initial prescription to a patient for an opioid to receive and document a verbal acknowledgment from the patient of the risk of addiction and overdose.