

§ 58-3-241. Healthcare services provided by pharmacists.

- (a) The following definitions apply in this section:
- (1) Healthcare provider. – Either of the following:
 - a. An individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to provide healthcare services in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession or in an approved education or training program.
 - b. A health care facility licensed under Chapter 131E or Chapter 122C of the General Statutes and where healthcare services are provided to patients.
 - (2) Healthcare services. – Any of the following health or medical procedures or services rendered by a healthcare provider:
 - a. Testing, diagnosis, or treatment of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease. This includes testing, diagnosis, or treatment rendered by a pharmacist acting within the pharmacist's scope of practice.
 - b. Dispensing of drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods for the treatment of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.
 - c. Administration of a vaccine or medication.
 - (3) Pharmacist. – An individual licensed to practice pharmacy under Article 4A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or the relevant laws of another state.
- (b) A health benefit plan offered by an insurer in this State shall cover healthcare services provided by a pharmacist if all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The service or procedure was performed within the pharmacist's licensed lawful scope of practice.
 - (2) The health benefit plan would have covered the service if the service or procedure had been performed by another healthcare provider.
- (c) The participation of a pharmacy in a drug benefit provider network of a health benefit plan shall not satisfy any requirement that insurers offering health benefit plans include pharmacists in medical benefit provider networks.
- (d) An insurer shall accept a claim under this section regardless of whether it is submitted by a pharmacist or a pharmacy submitting the claim on behalf of a pharmacist the pharmacy employs or contracts with. (2025-37, ss. 5.2(a), 7.2(b).)