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Senate Bill 94 Profession of Pharmacy

Explanation of Changes if Amendment LS0293\U.1 is adopted:

Amendment U.1 adds language to the bill regarding the direct shipping of dialysate and other dialysis treatment devices and supplies to the patient. This language comes from CSHB 96 (Rep. Prax) and is being added to mirror changes made in the companion bill to SB 94.

The amendment requires that the dialysate and dialysis devices and supplies

- Must be approved by the FDA
- Must arrive in a sealed and labeled package and ordered via a physician
- Must be directly sent to the patient (with end-stage renal disease or acute kidney injury) or patient designee. Currently there are 154 home-dialysis patients (as of 2020 statistics)
- Must be marked with a scannable bar code matched to the patient-specific label
- A licensed pharmacist must serve as a consultant to ensure wholesale drug distributors test each month the dialysate and devices sent to patients AND they must perform quality assessments 2X a month to ensure proper storage, handling and distribution. The dialysate must have an expiration date that is good for 3 months following the assessment date.

And because of the provisions set out in this SB 94, the facility would be licensed and under the jurisdiction of the AK Board of Pharmacy.

Currently 24 states use this model, 8 other states have something similar. There have been no known cases of harm reported. 2 states have legislation pending to allow this program.

A short deck of slides is attached for additional information for your review.