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An Act To Clarify the Minimum Amount of Emergency Refills of Insulin

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BLIER of Buxton, BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MATHIESON of Kittery, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13786-D, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 666, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

2. Authorization. As authorized by the board in accordance with rules adopted under subsection 3, a pharmacist may dispense emergency refills of insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies by prescription drug order or standing order or pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement authorizing insulin to be dispensed. The insulin dispensed under this subsection must be in a quantity that is the lesser of a 30-day supply and the smallest available package at least a 30-day supply. The intended recipient shall provide evidence of a previous prescription from a practitioner and attest that a refill of that previous prescription may not be readily or easily obtained under the circumstances.

SUMMARY

Current law authorizes a pharmacist to dispense emergency refills of insulin and associated insulin-related supplies. This bill requires that the insulin dispensed be in a quantity that is at least a 30-day supply.