

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by changing Section 16c as follows:

(225 ILCS 85/16c)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)

Sec. 16c. Medicine locking closure package.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Medicine locking closure package" means any alphanumeric combination locking closure mechanism that can only be unlocked with a user-generated, resettable alphanumeric code in combination with an amber prescription container that forms a package that allows only the person with a prescription access to the medicine.

"Schedule II controlled substance" means a Schedule II controlled substance under the United States Controlled Substances Act and 21 CFR 1308.

(b) Subject to appropriation, effective January 1, 2016, the Department shall by rule implement a pilot project requiring that every new or refilled prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance containing hydrocodone dispensed by a pharmacy that voluntarily decides to participate

in the pilot program shall only be dispensed in a non-reusable medicine locking closure package. The Department shall not expend more than \$150,000 on this pilot program. The Department may contract with third parties to implement the pilot program in whole or in part.

(c) The medicine locking closure package must be dispensed by the pharmacy with instructions for patient use unless the prescriber indicates orally, in writing, or electronically that a medicine locking closure package shall not be used.

(d) The manufacturer of the medicine locking closure package must make available assistance online or through a toll-free number for patient use.

(e) Prescriptions reimbursed via the Medicare Part D and Medicaid programs, including Medicaid managed care plans, are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

(f) Prescriptions for individuals residing in facilities licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

(g) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2018 ~~2017~~.

(Source: P.A. 99-473, eff. 8-27-15.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.