

HOUSE BILL No. 2694

By Representative Simmons

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to prescription medication; enacting the opioid patients right to know act; requiring that a healthcare provider disclose the risks of prescribed opioid use.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the opioid patients right to know act.

(b) Before issuing an initial prescription of a schedule II controlled substance pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4107, and amendments thereto, or any other opioid pain reliever that is a prescription drug in the course of treatment for acute or chronic pain, a prescriber shall discuss with the patient, or the patient's parent if such patient is a minor, the risks associated with the drugs being prescribed.

(c) The topics that the prescriber shall discuss shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The risk of addiction and overdose associated with opioid drugs;
- (2) the dangers of taking opioid drugs with alcohol, benzodiazepines and other central nervous system depressants;
- (3) the reason that the prescription is necessary;
- (4) alternative treatment that may be available; and
- (5) the risks associated with the use of the drugs prescribed.

(d) The prescriber shall include a note in the patient's medical record that such prescriber has discussed with such patient or such patient's parent the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on the schedule II controlled substance or other opioid to be prescribed and that alternative treatment may be available.

(e) This section shall not apply to a prescription for a patient who is currently in treatment for cancer, receiving hospice care from a licensed hospice or palliative care or a resident of a long-term healthcare facility or to any medications that are being prescribed for use of substance abuse or opioid dependence.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.