New Jersey Patients May Receive Contraceptives Without a Prescription



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In expanding access to reproductive health, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced on May 20, 2024 several actions which cumulatively will allow New Jersey licensed pharmacists to provide patients with hormonal contraceptives without a prescription. Pharmacists who wish to provide hormonal contraceptives will be required to take a four hour training program focusing on patient screening, the selection of a self-administered hormonal contraceptive, and patient counseling. If a patient requests from a pharmacist a hormonal contraceptive, the pharmacist must first determine if the patient is eligible to receive the contraceptive by following a process which includes completing a screening questionnaire prepared by the New Jersey Department of Health. If the patient is approved, the pharmacist may provide an initial supply of up to three months and refills for up to nine additional months.

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