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[(d)] (E) (1) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or podiatrist from administering a prescription drug in the course of treating a patient.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, "administering" means the direct introduction of a single dosage of a drug at a given time, whether by injection or other means, and whether in liquid, tablet, capsule, or other form.

[(e)] (F) (1) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or podiatrist from personally dispensing a starter dosage of a prescription drug to a patient of the dentist, physician, or podiatrist, PROVIDED THAT:

(I) THE STARTER DOSAGE COMPLIES WITH THE LABELING REQUIREMENTS OF § 12-510 OF THIS TITLE;

(II) NO CHARGE WAS IS MADE FOR THE STARTER DOSAGE; AND

(III) THE DENTIST, PHYSICIAN, OR PODIATRIST ENTERS AN APPROPRIATE RECORD ON THE PATIENT'S CHART.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, "~~starter dosage" has the meaning commonly accepted in dentistry,--medicine,--or--podiatry,--unless defined otherwise by regulation of the board that licensed the dentist, physician,--or podiatrist~~ MEANS AN AMOUNT OF DRUG SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN THERAPY:

(I) OF SHORT DURATION OF 72 HOURS OR LESS; OR

(II) PRIOR TO OBTAINING A LARGER QUANTITY OF THE DRUG TO COMPLETE THE THERAPY.

[(f)] (G) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or podiatrist from dispensing a prescription drug in the course of treating a patient:

(1) At a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workmen's compensation insurance;

(2) At a medical facility or clinic that is operated on a nonprofit basis;

(3) At a health center that operates on a campus of an institution of higher education; or

(4) At a public health facility, a medical facility under contract with a State or local health department, or a facility funded with public funds.