

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4667

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21 (5) May substitute weighing the volume of syringes returned versus dispensed as
22 specified. This substitution is only permissible if it can be done accurately and in the following
23 manner:

24 (A) The syringes shall be contained in a see-through container; and

25 (B) A visual inspection of the container shall take place prior to the syringes being weighed;

26 (6) Shall distribute the syringe directly to the program recipient;

27 (7) Proof of West Virginia identification upon dispensing of the needles;

28 (8) Shall train staff on:

29 (A) The services and eligibility requirements of the program;

30 (B) The services provided by the program;

31 (C) The applicant's policies and procedures concerning syringe exchange transactions;

32 (D) Disposing of infectious waste;

33 (E) Sharps waste disposal education that ensures familiarity with the state law regulating
34 proper disposal of home-generated sharps waste;

35 (F) Procedures for obtaining or making referrals;

36 (G) Opioid antagonist administration;

37 (H) Cultural diversity and sensitivity to protected classes under state and federal law; and

38 (I) Completion of attendance logs for participation in mandatory training;

39 (9) ~~Maintain~~ Shall maintain a program for the public to report syringe litter and shall
40 endeavor to collect all syringe litter in the community;

41 (10) Shall not distribute any smoking devices, including, but not limited to, hand pipes,
42 bubblers, bongs, dab rigs, hookahs, crack pipes, or disposable smoking devices.

43 (c) Each syringe services program shall have a syringe dispensing plan which includes,
44 but is not limited to the following:

45 (1) Maintaining records of returned syringes by participants for two years;

46 (2) Preventing syringe stick injuries;

- 47 (3) Tracking the number of syringes dispensed;
- 48 (4) Tracking the number of syringes collected;
- 49 (5) Tracking the number of syringes collected as a result of community reports of syringe
50 litter;
- 51 (6) Eliminating direct handling of sharps waste;
- 52 (7) Following a syringe stick protocol and plan;
- 53 (8) A budget for sharps waste disposal or an explanation if no cost is associated with
54 sharps waste disposal; and
- 55 (9) A plan to coordinate with the continuum of care, including the requirements set forth in
56 this section.
- 57 (d) If an applicant does not submit all of the documentation required in §16-63-2 of this
58 code, the application shall be denied and returned to the applicant for completion.
- 59 (e) If an applicant fails to comply with the program requirements, the application shall be
60 denied and returned to the applicant for completion.
- 61 (f) A license is effective for one year.