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Governor Walker signs bipartisan Vukmir, Kolste pharmacy bill into law

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Scott Walker signed a bipartisan bill into law Wednesday by Sens. Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, and LaTonya Johnson, D-Milwaukee, and Reps. Debra Kolste, D-Janesville, and John Nygren, R-Marinette, which will allow pharmacists to issue emergency refills in cases when a prescribing authority can't be reached.

"This bill is proof that commonsense, bipartisan legislating is alive and well in the Wisconsin State Capitol," Vukmir said. "I thank Rep. Kolste for being an excellent partner as we have worked to ensure patients can stick to established prescription drug routines."

Under current law, patients must break their drug therapy routines after their long-term prescriptions expire and the prescriber can't be contacted. This new law will address that problem by allowing pharmacists to issue a seven-day emergency refill. Controlled substances do not qualify for emergency refills.

"I am proud that Republicans and Democrats are able to come together for our constituents' sake when simple issues need to be changed in our laws," Vukmir said. "This bill will help Wisconsinites avoid health complications because they'll continue their access to important prescriptions, such as insulin, rescue inhalers, and heart and hypertension medications."

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