
HOUSE BILL 1038

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By Representative Dellwo; by request of Law Revision Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to correcting a double amendment relating to
2 authorized functions of health care assistants; and reenacting and
3 amending RCW 18.135.060.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.135.060 and 1986 c 216 s 3 and 1986 c 115 s 1 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section:

8 (a) Any health care assistant certified pursuant to this chapter
9 shall perform the functions authorized in this chapter only by
10 delegation of authority from the health care practitioner and under the
11 supervision of a health care practitioner acting within the scope of
12 his or her license. In the case of subcutaneous, intradermal and
13 intramuscular and intravenous injections, a health care assistant may
14 perform such functions only under the supervision of a health care
15 practitioner having authority, within the scope of his or her license,
16 to order such procedures.

17 (b) The health care practitioner who ordered the procedure or a
18 health care practitioner who could order the procedure under his or her
19 license shall be physically present in the immediate area of a hospital

1 or nursing home where the injection is administered. Sensitivity
2 agents being administered intradermally or by the scratch method are
3 excluded from this requirement.

4 (~~(:—PROVIDED, That)~~) (2) A health care assistant trained by a
5 federally approved end-stage renal disease facility may perform
6 venipuncture for blood withdrawal, administration of oxygen as
7 necessary by cannula or mask, venipuncture for placement of fistula
8 needles, intravenous administration of heparin and sodium chloride
9 solutions as an integral part of dialysis treatment, and intradermal,
10 subcutaneous, or topical administration of local anesthetics in
11 conjunction with placement of fistula needles, and intraperitoneal
12 administration of sterile electrolyte solutions and heparin for
13 peritoneal dialysis(~~(7)~~): (a) In the center or health care facility
14 (~~(or in the patient's home)~~) if a registered nurse licensed under
15 chapter 18.88 RCW is physically present and immediately available in
16 such center or health care facility (~~(for patients dialyzing in the~~
17 ~~health care facility or center or for patients dialyzing at)~~); (b)
18 in the patient's home if a physician and a registered nurse are
19 available for consultation during the dialysis.

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