

SB 6220-S2 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Declares the intent to modify nurse delegation statutes to the extent needed to enable elderly persons and persons with disabilities who have diabetes to continue to reside in their own home or other home-like settings.

Provides that in community-based or in-home care settings, the tasks of diabetic insulin device set up and verbal verification of insulin dosage for sight-impaired individuals is not required to be delegated from a registered nurse to a registered or certified nursing assistant.

Declares that the administration of insulin by injection to certified nursing assistants for the purpose of caring for individuals with diabetes may be delegated.

Provides that when delegating insulin injections under this act, the registered nurse delegator must instruct the individual regarding proper injection procedures and the use of insulin, demonstrate proper injection procedures, and must supervise and evaluate the individual performing the delegated task weekly during the first four weeks of delegation of insulin injections.

Provides that before commencing the care of individuals with diabetes that involves administration of insulin by injection, the certified nursing assistant must provide to the delegating nurse a certificate of completion issued by the department of social and health services indicating completion of specialized diabetes nurse delegation training.