

SHB 1625 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Health Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 A pharmacy that is licensed under this chapter and operated by a
6 hospital that is licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW may provide drugs
7 to ambulance or aid services that are licensed under RCW 18.73.130
8 for use associated with providing emergency medical services to
9 patients if the following conditions are met:

10 (1) The hospital is located in the same or an adjacent county to
11 the county in which the ambulance or aid service operates;

12 (2) A medical program director of an ambulance or aid service has
13 requested drugs from the hospital per agreed protocol. A medical
14 program director may only request drugs that:

15 (a) Are relevant to the level of service provided by the
16 ambulance or aid service and the training of its emergency medical
17 personnel; and

18 (b) Are approved as part of the ambulance or aid service
19 prehospital patient care protocols for use by emergency medical
20 personnel in the county in which the ambulance or aid service is
21 located; and

22 (3) The provision of the drugs by the pharmacy is not contingent
23 upon arrangements for the transport of patients to the hospital that
24 operates the pharmacy for reasons other than the consideration of
25 patients' medical needs and any patient care procedures.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.168
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) The emergency medical services and trauma care steering
29 committee established in RCW 70.168.020 shall consider the use of the
30 following medications by emergency medical technicians certified
31 under chapter 18.73 RCW:

1 (a) Hydrocortisone sodium succinate or similar medications for
2 the treatment of adrenal insufficiency; and

3 (b) Glucagon emergency kits.

4 (2) The review shall consider:

5 (a) The adequacy of current training for emergency medical
6 technicians to administer the medications in subsection (1) of this
7 section;

8 (b) The feasibility of supplementing the training of emergency
9 medical technicians on either a statewide basis or a local basis to
10 administer the medications in subsection (1) of this section;

11 (c) The costs and the likely utilization of stocking ambulances
12 with the medications in subsection (1) of this section; and

13 (d) Options for localized solutions to specific community needs
14 for the medications in subsection (1) of this section where only
15 basic life support services are available, including needs that may
16 arise in a school setting.

17 (3) The steering committee may appoint a work group to develop a
18 draft report to present to the full steering committee, prior to the
19 full steering committee adopting its report.

20 (4) By December 15, 2015, the steering committee shall report to
21 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature. The
22 report shall summarize the review of the topics in subsection (2) of
23 this section and any policy recommendations related to the review.
24 The report shall include any available data related to the frequency
25 of incidents requiring the administration of medications in
26 subsection (1) of this section.

27 (5) This section expires June 30, 2016."

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28 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the
29 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
30 18.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.168 RCW; and providing
31 an expiration date."

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission adopt guidelines for the provision of drugs to ambulance or aid services.

Provides that an ambulance or aid service may only request drugs that are relevant to the level of service provided by the ambulance or aid service and the training of the emergency medical personnel and are approved as part of the ambulance or aid service prehospital patient care protocols in the county.

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