
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1625

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick and Wylie)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the provision of drugs to ambulance and aid
2 services; adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 70.168 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A pharmacy that is licensed under this chapter and operated
8 by a hospital that is licensed under RCW 70.41.090 may provide
9 minimal quantities of drugs to ambulance or aid services that are
10 licensed under RCW 18.73.130 for use associated with providing
11 emergency medical services to patients if the following conditions
12 are met:

13 (a) The hospital is located in the same or an adjacent county to
14 the county in which the ambulance or aid service operates;

15 (b) The types of drugs provided are limited to drugs related to
16 the level of service provided by the ambulance or aid service and the
17 training of its emergency medical personnel;

18 (c) The types of drugs provided are drugs identified by the
19 medical program director in approved prehospital patient care
20 protocols for use by emergency medical personnel in the county in
21 which the ambulance or aid service is located; and

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

5 (2) By July 1, 2016, the commission shall collaborate with
6 representatives of the emergency medical services and trauma steering
7 committee established in RCW 70.168.020 to develop guidelines for
8 hospitals, ambulance and aid services, and medical program directors
9 for the provision of drugs in accordance with subsection (1) of this
10 section and applicable federal requirements.

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

13 (1) The steering committee shall consider the use of the
14 following medications by emergency medical technicians certified
15 under chapter 18.73 RCW:

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

18 (b) Glucagon emergency kits.

19 (2) The review shall consider:

20 (a) The adequacy of current training for emergency medical
21 technicians to administer the medications in subsection (1) of this
22 section;

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

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

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

32 (3) The steering committee may appoint a work group to develop a
33 draft report to present to the full steering committee, prior to the
34 full steering committee adopting its report.

35 (4) By December 15, 2015, the steering committee shall report to
36 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature. The
37 report shall summarize the review of the topics in subsection (2) of
38 this section and any policy recommendations related to the review.
39 The report shall include any available data related to the frequency

1 of incidents requiring the administration of medications in
2 subsection (1) of this section.

3 (5) This section expires June 30, 2016.

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