

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 499

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides for authorized procedures provided by direct service workers. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1032, relative to authorized procedures of direct service
3 workers; to provide for the administration of insulin; to provide for an effective date;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1032 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1032. Authorized procedures

8 A. Direct service workers may perform any or all of the following tasks for
9 an individual who is in stable condition only when the task may be performed
10 according to exact directions and there is no need to alter the standard procedure and
11 the results are predictable:

12 (1) Administration of oral and topical medication, ointments, suppositories,
13 or a pre-measured dosage unit provided by the manufacturer of an oral inhalant
14 aerosol as ordered by an authorized prescriber. Any medication administered by a
15 direct service worker under this Part shall be in a container which meets acceptable
16 pharmaceutical standards and is marked with clear instructions, the prescriber's
17 name, the prescription number, if any, and the name of medication, dosage, and

1 route. Under no condition shall a direct service worker administer medications not
2 in compliance with the provisions of this Section.

3 (2) Provision of routine hydration, nutrition, or medication by way of an
4 established gastro-tube.

5 (3) Other non-complex tasks which may be delegated by the registered nurse
6 to the direct service worker pursuant to rules promulgated pursuant to this Part.

7 **B. Direct service workers may administer insulin subcutaneously,**
8 **nasally, or via insulin pump for individuals subject to criteria to be developed,**
9 **and rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and**
10 **Hospitals, in conjunction with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, consistent**
11 **with this Part.**

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 499)

Present law provides a direct service worker may perform the following tasks for an individual:

- (1) Administration of oral and topical medication, ointments, suppositories, or a pre-measured dosage unit provided by the manufacturer of an oral inhalant aerosol as ordered by an authorized prescriber. Any medication administered by a direct service worker under present law shall be in a container that meets acceptable pharmaceutical standards and is marked with clear instructions, the prescriber's name, the prescription number, if any, and the name of medication, dosage, and route. Under no condition shall a direct service worker administer medications not in compliance with the provisions of present law.
- (2) Provision of routine hydration, nutrition, or medication by way of an established gastro-tube.
- (3) Other non-complex tasks which may be delegated by the registered nurse to the direct service worker pursuant to rules promulgated pursuant to present law.

Proposed law provides direct service workers may administer insulin subcutaneously,

nasally, or via insulin pump for individuals subject to criteria to be developed, and rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, in conjunction with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, consistent with present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1032)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Provides for the administering of insulin by direct service workers subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, in conjunction with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.