
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows correctional facilities to utilize medication attendants certified by the La. Dept. of Health to administer medication to incarcerated persons.

Present law creates a program to authorize the certification of medication attendants to perform certain functions in a licensed long-term care facility. The certification program is administered by the La. Dept. of Health.

Present law authorizes certified medication attendants to administer certain low-risk medications ordered by an authorized prescriber via noninvasive routes.

Proposed law retains present law and adds correctional facilities to the list of facilities that may employ certified medication attendants.

Proposed law allows medication attendants certified by the La. Dept. of Health to administer certain medications to patients incarcerated at correctional facilities.

Proposed law defines correctional facilities.

Present law requires prospective medication attendants to have one year of experience in a licensed long-term care facility as a certified nurse aide or have graduated from a nursing program to be eligible to participate in the medication administration course offered by the La. Dept. of Health. Proposed law adds a certified nurse aide with one year of experience in a correctional facility to be eligible to participate in the medication administration course.

Present law requires graduates of the medication administration course to be registered on the nurse aide registry. Present law requires licensed long-term care facilities to verify the identity of the person to be hired with the nurse aide registry to ensure that he has completed the medication administration course. Proposed law extends this verification requirement to correctional facilities.

(Amends R.S. 37:1026.1, 1026.2, 1026.4, 1026.7(8), and 1026.8; Adds R.S. 37:1026.3(5))