

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1032(3) is hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 37:1032(4)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1032. Authorized procedures

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

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14 (3) Administration of insulin subcutaneously, nasally, or via insulin
15 pump.

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

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 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 adds the administration of insulin subcutaneously, nasally, or via insulin pump to the present law of tasks a direct service worker may perform for an individual.

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

(Amends R.S. 37:1032(3); adds R.S. 37:1032(4))