



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Gonzales, Hackett, Letson, Antonio

BILL SUMMARY

- Allows certain advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to admit patients to hospitals.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Health care professionals who may admit patients to hospitals

The bill permits certain advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants to admit patients to hospitals.¹ Under current law, only a doctor, dentist, or podiatrist who is a member of the medical staff may admit a patient to a hospital.

Hospital admissions by APRNs

The types of APRNs who are authorized by the bill to admit patients to hospitals are clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified nurse practitioners. The bill does not apply to APRNs who are certified registered nurse anesthetists. For an APRN to be authorized to admit a patient, the bill requires that the APRN have a standard care arrangement with a doctor or podiatrist who is member of the medical staff.

Under existing law, a standard care arrangement is a written, formal guide that governs the APRN's health care practice. It is developed by the APRN and each collaborating physician or podiatrist. A collaborating physician or podiatrist must be

¹ R.C. 3727.06(B).

continuously available to communicate with the APRN either in person or by radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication.²

Hospital admissions by physician assistants

For a physician assistant to be authorized to admit a hospital patient, the bill requires that the physician assistant be under the supervision, control, or direction of a doctor or podiatrist who is a member of the medical staff.

Under existing law, a physician assistant may practice only under the supervision, control, and direction of a physician (including a podiatrist) with whom the physician assistant has entered into a supervisory agreement approved by the State Medical Board. The supervising physician must be physically present at the location where the physician assistant is practicing or be readily available to the physician assistant through some means of telecommunication and in a location that under normal conditions is not more than 60 minutes travel time away.³

Notice to collaborating or supervising doctor or podiatrist

The bill requires an APRN or physician assistant to notify the collaborating or supervising doctor or podiatrist not later than 12 hours after admitting a patient to a hospital.⁴

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4723.01 and 4723.431, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 4730.08, 4730.18, and 4730.21, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 3727.06(B)(2).

