



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 294
[2013 Senate Bill 251]

**Therapeutic Alternate Drug
Selection in Nursing Facility**

2013 Wisconsin Act 294 allows a quality assessment and assurance committee of a nursing facility to establish written guidelines or procedures for making therapeutic alternate drug selections for certain purposes, if the committee members include a pharmacist. If the nursing facility does not have such a committee, the facility may create such a committee consisting of the director of nursing services, a physician, a pharmacist, and at least two other members of the nursing home staff. If a committee is established, it may establish written guidelines for making therapeutic alternative drug selections.

Under the Act, the use of the therapeutic alternate drug selection must have also been approved for a patient by the patient's personal attending physician or the patient's physician assistant, if the physician assistant is under the supervision of the personal attending physician.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.