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2019 Senate Bill 434

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

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Current law allows an emergency medical services (EMS) program approved by the Department of Health Services to provide emergency medical care only under certain circumstances, including at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a hospital, while in the hospital emergency department until regular hospital staff assume responsibility for care, and during transfer of a patient between health care facilities. The bill allows an EMS program to provide emergency medical care during transport to a nonhospital facility or institution in which health care is provided.

Current law also allows an EMS practitioner to act upon a delegation by a health care provider without violating the scope of an EMS practitioner's license. The bill adds conditions that the actions delegated to an EMS practitioner must be all of the following:

- Within the scope of the health care provider's license and competency.
- Delegated to an EMS practitioner whom the health care provider ensures is adequately knowledgeable and trained to perform the delegated action.

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The substitute amendment removes the provisions of the bill that allow an EMS program to provide emergency medical care during transport to a nonhospital facility or institution in which health care is provided.

BILL HISTORY

On September 24, 2019, Senator Kooyenga offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1. On October 30, 2019, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of the substitute amendment, and the bill as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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