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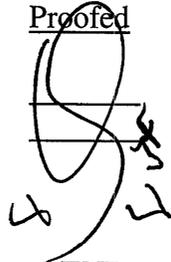
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Kennedy, Debora

From: Lundquist, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 11:24 AM
To: Kennedy, Debora
Subject: FW: AB405

let me know if you need any other information.

Thank you,
Lisa
266-5504

-----Original Message-----

From: Debra Hertzberg [mailto:hertzberg.deb@kvna.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 11:33 AM
To: Lisa Lundquist
Subject: AB405

Lisa.....Visiting nurse associations take care of patients from birth to death. Before Hospice was an accepted form of care in the US, only the visiting nurse cared for the terminally ill in their homes. There is no difference in the care a hospice nurse provides. An organization like ours would need to get a state license and Medicare certification to add the name Hospice to our title. Many families and individuals choose not to go into hospice care even though they are terminally ill. They don't need or opt for the spiritual care or bereavement counseling offered by a certified Hospice.

The reason I am requesting this amendment so late is that I wasn't aware of the pending bill until yesterday. Last month we had a case of a young woman dying of cancer who did not want hospice care. She and her family had strong support systems and wanted only visiting nurse care. The death was expected within a week and occurred within that time frame. Because we weren't allowed to pronounce death, the event became an unnecessary "circus" for the family. The Sheriff's department had to come and ask all types of inappropriate questions to rule out homicide. The family was devastated by this and then the coroner had to come to pronounce death. The whole event took hours. The appropriate action would have been to have our nurse pronounce death as she was there when it occurred and she could have called the funeral home which was expecting a call.

Our organization has been in business since 1927. Many others are older. We are free standing and non-profit. Other visiting nurse organizations are part of large health care systems, however they are not employed by the hospital directly, but rather their home health care division. I would be pleased to give anyone who needs it more information by telephone. 262-656-8400. Thank you .

From Debra Hertzberg 3/4/04: They are a home health agency - "Home health agency nurse" (an R.N.) would be fine.

2003

Date (time) needed

3:00 TODAY

LRBa 259411

AMENDMENT

DAK: jld:

See form AMENDMENTS — COMPONENTS & ITEMS.

§ (A) AMENDMENT

~~TO S A AMENDMENT (LRBa 212)~~

~~TO S A SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT (LRBs 12)~~

TO 2003 SB ~~SJR~~ SR (AB) ~~AJR~~ AR 405 (LRB-12)

At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

(fill ONLY if "engrossed" or "as shown by")

#. Page 1, line 3: after "nurse" insert " or a home health agency nurse".

#. Page 2, line 4: delete that line and substitute " hospice nurse, or home health agency nurse". plain period

#. Page 2, line 4: after that line insert:

SECTION 1 m. CR; 69.01 (12d) 69.01 (12d) "Home health agency" has the meaning given in s. 50.49 (1)(a).

~~#. Page 2, line 2~~

SECTION 1 n. CR; 69.01 (12e)

69.01 (12e) "Home health agency nurse" means a registered nurse, as defined in s. 146.40 (1)(f), who is

#. Page 2, line 2:

employed by or under contract to a home health agency.

#. Page 2, line 18: after "dies" insert "or
a home health agency nurse of a home health
agency that is directly involved with the care
of a home health agency patient who dies".

#. Page 2, line 22: after "nurse" insert
"or a home health agency nurse".

Strike #. Page 3, line 1: delete "or hospice, as defined in
s. 50.90 (1)(c), " and substitute "or hospice,
as defined in s. 50.90 (1)(c), hospice, or home
health agency".

#. Page 3, line 4: on lines 4 and 6, delete
"or hospice" and substitute "or hospice, or
home health agency".

(End)