

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS--ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1304** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Jenkins, Harris, Green, Cody, Van De Wege, Kelley, Schmick, Bailey, Clibborn, Moeller, Hinkle, and Reykdal)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to administration of drugs by health care
2 assistants; amending RCW 18.135.130; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.135.130 and 2009 c 43 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) This section applies only to health care assistants certified
7 in categories C or E by the department of health.

8 (2)(a) The administration of drugs by a health care assistant is
9 restricted to oral, topical, rectal, otic, ophthalmic, or inhaled
10 routes administered pursuant to a written order of a supervising health
11 care practitioner. The drugs authorized for administration under this
12 section are limited to the following:

13 (i) Over-the-counter drugs that may be administered to a patient
14 while in the care of a health care practitioner are: Benadryl,
15 acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, neosporin, polysporin, normal
16 saline, colace, kenalog, and hydrocortisone cream;

17 (ii) Nonover-the-counter unit dose legend drugs that may be
18 administered to a patient while in the care of a health care
19 practitioner are: Kenalog, hydrocortisone cream, reglan, compazine,

1 zofran, bactroban, albuterol, xopenex, silvadene, gastrointestinal
2 cocktail, fluoride, lmx cream, emla, lat, optic dyes, oral contrast,
3 and oxygen.

4 ~~(b) ((Only health care assistants who are certified as category C~~
5 ~~or E assistants by the department of health may administer the oral~~
6 ~~drugs specified in (a) of this subsection.~~

7 ~~(e))~~ Health care assistants authorized to administer certain over-
8 the-counter and legend drugs under ~~((a)-of))~~ this ~~((subsection))~~
9 section must demonstrate initial and ongoing competency to administer
10 specific drugs as determined by the health care practitioner.

11 ~~((2))~~ (3) A health care practitioner must administer a medication
12 if:

13 (a) A patient is unable to physically ingest or safely apply a
14 medication independently or with assistance; or

15 (b) A patient is unable to indicate an awareness that he or she is
16 taking a medication.

17 ~~((3))~~ (4) This section expires July 1, 2013.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of health shall adopt any
19 rules necessary to implement this act.

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