

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2350

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Defining the administration of medication by medical assistants.

Sponsors: Representatives Cody and Jenkins.

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health Care

Background:

The Department of Health issues four variants of medical assistant credentials, including medical assistant-certified, medical assistant-registered, medical assistant-phlebotomist, and medical assistant-hemodialysis technician. Each type of medical assistant may perform specified duties if delegated by, and under the supervision of, a health care practitioner.

Among other duties, a medical assistant-certified and medical assistant-registered may sterilize equipment, take vital signs, and maintain records. All credentialed medical assistants, excluding medical assistant-phlebotomists, may administer some medications. It is the responsibility of the health care practitioner to determine that the delegation of a task is appropriate and is not prohibited by law.

Summary:

A medical assistant's ability to "administer" medication encompasses both the retrieval and application of medication.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| House | 95 | 2 |
| Senate | 42 | 6 |

Effective: June 9, 2016

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