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House Bill No. 6920

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROTOCOLS FOR PERSONS WITH A RARE DISEASE OR SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice
- 3 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Emergency department advanced practice registered nurse"
- 5 means an advanced practice registered nurse providing health care
- 6 services in an emergency department;
- 7 (3) "Emergency department physician" means a physician providing
- 8 health care services in an emergency department;
- 9 (4) "Emergency department physician assistant" means a physician
- 10 assistant providing health care services in an emergency department;

11 (5) "Emergency medical services personnel" has the same meaning as
12 provided in section 20-206jj of the general statutes;

13 (6) "Physician" means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of
14 the general statutes; and

15 (7) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant licensed
16 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes.

17 (b) Each health care provider, including, but not limited to, an
18 emergency department physician, an emergency department physician
19 assistant, an emergency department advanced practice registered nurse
20 and an emergency medical services personnel, who provides emergency
21 medical care to a patient with a rare disease or special health care needs
22 shall adhere to any patient-specific emergency medical care protocol
23 that was developed for the patient by the patient's physician, physician
24 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and provided to such
25 health care provider by the patient or the patient's parent, guardian,
26 caregiver or legal representative.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires emergency medical care providers to follow patient-specific emergency protocols for patients with a rare disease or special health care needs and has no anticipated fiscal impact. The procedural change in provision of care for these cases requires minimal change in workload.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6920*****AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROTOCOLS FOR PERSONS WITH A RARE DISEASE OR SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires health care providers who give emergency medical care to patients with rare diseases or special health care needs to follow any patient-specific emergency medical care protocol (1) developed for the patient by his or her physician, physician assistant (PA), or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and (2) given to the provider by the patient or his or her parent, guardian, caregiver, or legal representative.

At a minimum, the bill applies to APRNs, PAs, and physicians who work in emergency departments as well as emergency medical services personnel (e.g., paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical responders).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 4 (03/05/2025)