



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4436



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

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

Statement of Purpose:

To improve medical outcomes and safeguard the health and well-being of persons living with a rare disease or special health care needs by requiring emergency medical care providers to follow patient-specific emergency protocols.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]