
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7249

AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each assisted living services agency's (ALSA's) supervisor of assisted living services, by January 1, 2026, to ensure that client service programs for residents of managed residential communities (MRCs) who receive assisted living services from them include protocols for providing emergency medical services to residents, including services that ALSA staff may provide.

At a minimum, the protocols must include the following:

1. the types of emergency medical services ALSA staff may provide to residents, within their professional scope of practice;
2. the categories of staff who may provide these services and required training to do so; and
3. the circumstances under which staff may provide residents these services or should seek emergency medical services, including using the 911 system.

Under the bill, the types of emergency medical services ALSA staff may provide include (1) treatments for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dehydration, dizziness, and confusion; (2) first-aid treatments after a fall; and (3) treatments for hypoglycemia, including administering nasal glucagon or applying glucose gel.

The bill requires each supervisor of assisted living services, by January 1, 2026, to ensure that their staff are educated on (1) the emergency medical treatment protocols established under the bill and (2) best practices for determining when to provide a resident emergency medical services versus calling 911 to request them or arranging

transportation to a hospital emergency department.

Under the bill, an MRC is a for-profit or nonprofit facility with private residential units that provides a managed group living environment consisting of housing and services for residents primarily ages 55 and older. It does not include state-funded congregate housing.

By law, the state does not license assisted living facilities. Instead, it licenses and regulates ALSAs that provide assisted living services. ALSAs can only provide these services at an MRC. MRCs that wish to provide assisted living services must obtain a Department of Public Health license as an ALSA or arrange for the services with a licensed ALSA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 1 (03/28/2025)