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HB 2374: acute care services; pilot program

Sponsor: Representative Cobb, LD 5

Committee on Commerce

Overview

Outlines requirements for a *mobile health practitioner* for the purposes of the Acute Care at Home Pilot Program (pilot program).

History

[Laws 2021, Chapter 320](#) established a three-year pilot program that allowed for the delivery of acute care services to patients in their home by licensed Arizona hospitals. The pilot program is administered by the Arizona Department of Health Service (ADHS) who establishes the pilot program's rules and collaborates with interested hospitals ([Hospital at Home Program](#)).

Provisions

1. Asserts that, in providing healthcare services, the hospitals participating in the pilot program must include the services of mobile health practitioners. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires a *mobile health practitioner*:
 - a) to have at least two years of experience as a paramedic and be certified in community paramedicine before January 1, 2023;
 - b) beginning January 1, 2023, to have at least two years of experience as a paramedic and be certified in community paramedicine before being employed as a mobile health practitioner; and
 - c) to provide health care services under supervision of a licensed physician who works for the ambulance service that employs the mobile health practitioner. (Sec. 1)
3. Specifies that the supervising physician is responsible for directing and reviewing the health care services and activities of the mobile health practitioner. (Sec. 1)
4. Prescribes a mobile health practitioner's scope of practice as that which is delegated to the mobile health practitioner by the supervising physician. (Sec. 1)
5. Asserts that if the pilot program requires in-person visits, a mobile health practitioner may provide those visits in place of a nurse visit. (Sec. 1)
6. Permits required nurse visits to be conducted either virtually or in person. (Sec. 1)
7. Makes conforming and technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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