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HB 2374: acute care services; pilot program

Sponsor: Representative Cobb, LD 5

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Overview

Outlines requirements for a *mobile paramedic* 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. Allows hospitals participating in the pilot program, when providing healthcare services through the program, to include the services of mobile paramedics. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires a *mobile paramedic*:
 - 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 paramedic; and
 - c) to provide health care services under supervision of a licensed physician who works for the ambulance service that employs the mobile paramedic. (Sec. 1)
3. Specifies that the supervising physician is responsible for directing and reviewing the health care services and activities of the mobile paramedic. (Sec. 1)
4. Prescribes a mobile paramedic's scope of practice as that which is delegated to the mobile paramedic by the supervising physician. (Sec. 1)
5. Asserts that if the pilot program requires in-person visits, a mobile paramedic 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)

Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that mobile paramedics may provide the twice-daily onsite patient assessments visits in place of nurses.
2. Clarifies that nursing or other health care services, other than the twice-daily onsite patient assessment visits, may be provided virtually.

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