

# SENATE BILL No. 61

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-27-1-16.

**Synopsis:** Written orders for home health services. Adds advanced practice registered nurses, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants as providers who may make written orders for home health services for use by licensed home health agencies.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-27-1-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 16. (a) A licensed home  
3 health agency may accept written orders for home health services from:  
4 (1) a physician;  
5 (2) **an advanced practice registered nurse, including a clinical**  
6 **nurse specialist;**  
7 (3) **a physician assistant;**  
8 (4) a dentist;  
9 (5) a chiropractor;  
10 (6) a podiatrist; or  
11 (7) an optometrist;  
12 licensed in Indiana or any other state.  
13 (b) If the physician, **advanced practice registered nurse, clinical**  
14 **nurse specialist, physician assistant,** dentist, chiropractor, podiatrist,  
15 or optometrist is licensed in a state other than Indiana, the home health  
16 agency shall take reasonable immediate steps to determine that:  
17 (1) the order complies with the laws of the state where the order



1           originated; and

2           (2) the individual who issued the order examined the patient and  
3           is licensed to practice in that state.

4           **~~(b)~~ (c)** All orders issued by a physician, **an advanced practice**  
5 **registered nurse, a clinical nurse specialist, a physician assistant,**  
6 a dentist, a chiropractor, a podiatrist, or an optometrist for home health  
7 services:

8           (1) must meet the same requirements whether the order originates  
9           in Indiana or another state; and

10          (2) from another state may not exceed the authority allowed under  
11          orders from the same profession in Indiana under IC 25.

