



**ACTION ALERT - Contact the Senate Health and Welfare Committee to Exempt Self-Direction from Medication Administration Requirements**

[HB 185](#) by Rep. Kenny Havard would exempt Direct Support Professionals (DSP) working for waiver recipients in self-direction from the rigorous training currently required of all DSPs to administer any medication and perform non-complex medical tasks. HB 185 will be heard in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee tomorrow morning, May 7th, at 9:30 a.m. in the John Hainkel Room.

If this issue is important to you, please call or email the Chairman and member(s) of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee in your region. Communicate the importance of EXEMPTING self-direction from the current medication administration training requirements.

**Take action TODAY or TOMORROW before 9:30 a.m.!**

**Contact the Senate Health and Welfare Committee**

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This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

**Background Information**

In December 2013, the requirements for a direct support professional (DSP) to administer medication and perform non-complex medical tasks changed. The new regulations require the provision of "nurse authorization" accompanied by 16 hours of training. Additionally, the DSP must receive person-specific training for individuals for whom the nurse has authorized certain non-complex tasks. The nurse authorizing the tasks must document in writing that the trained DSP has demonstrated competency as provided in the rule. Waiver recipients using self-direction currently fall under these new rules.

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