



ACTION ALERT - Contact the House 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 House Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday, March 12th at 9 a.m. in Committee Room 5.

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

The deadline for this alert is Tuesday, March 11th!

View [House Bill 185](#) for details.

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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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