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ACTION ALERT - Contact Your Senator to Exempt Self-Direction from Current Medication Administration Requirements



[HB 185](#) by Rep. Kenny Havard would exempt Direct Support Professionals (DSP) working for waiver recipients in self-direction from the same training currently required of all DSPs to administer any medication and perform non-complex medical tasks. **HB 185 will be considered by the full Senate TODAY, May 13th, at 2:00 p.m.**

If this issue is important to you, please call or email your Senator. Communicate the importance of EXEMPTING self-direction from the current medication administration training requirements.

Contact Your Senator

Click [here](#) for your Senator's contact information.

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You can also speak directly to your Senator or leave him/her a message by calling the Senate switchboard at 225-342-2040

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.

Contact Us

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