



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6373

*House of Representatives, March 21, 2011*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER, E. of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERIPHERALLY-INSERTED CENTRAL CATHETERS IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Administer" means to initiate the venipuncture and deliver an  
4 IV fluid or IV admixture into the blood stream through a vein, and to  
5 monitor and care for the venipuncture site, terminate the procedure  
6 and record pertinent events and observations;

7 (2) "IV admixture" means an IV fluid to which one or more  
8 additional drug products have been added;

9 (3) "IV fluid" means sterile solutions of fifty milliliters or more,  
10 intended for intravenous infusion, but does not include blood and  
11 blood products;

12 (4) "IV therapy" means the introduction of an IV fluid or IV

13 admixture into the blood stream through a vein for the purpose of  
14 correcting water deficit and electrolyte imbalances, providing  
15 nutrition, and delivering antibiotics and other therapeutic agents  
16 approved by a chronic and convalescent nursing home's or a rest home  
17 with nursing supervision's medical staff;

18 (5) "IV therapy program" means the overall plan by which a chronic  
19 and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with nursing  
20 supervision implements, monitors and safeguards the administration  
21 of IV therapy to patients; and

22 (6) "IV therapy nurse" means a registered nurse who is qualified by  
23 education and training and has demonstrated proficiency in the  
24 theoretical and clinical aspects of IV therapy to administer an IV fluid  
25 or IV admixture.

26 (b) An IV therapy nurse employed by, or operating under a contract  
27 to provide services in, a chronic and convalescent nursing home or a  
28 rest home with nursing supervision that operates an IV therapy  
29 program may administer a peripherally-inserted central catheter as  
30 part of such facility's IV therapy program. The Department of Public  
31 Health shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of  
32 chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the purposes of this  
33 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

No fiscal impact will result in requiring the Department of Public Health (DPH) to adopt regulations permitting an IV therapy nurse employed or contracted by a nursing home, that operates an IV therapy program, to administer a peripherally-inserted central catheter as part of the home's IV therapy program. Current DPH regulations only allow a physician to do so.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6373****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERIPHERALLY-INSERTED CENTRAL CATHETERS IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill permits an intravenous (IV) therapy nurse employed or contracted by a nursing home that operates an IV therapy program to administer a peripherally-inserted central catheter (PICC) as part of the home's IV therapy program. Current Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations allow only a physician to administer a PICC (Conn. Agencies Reg., § 19-13-D8u (c)(3)). A PICC is a tube that is inserted into a peripheral vein, typically in the upper arm, and advanced until the catheter tip ends in a large vein in the chest near the heart to obtain intravenous access.

It also requires the DPH to adopt regulations to implement the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**DEFINITIONS**

Under the bill, "administer" means to (1) initiate the venipuncture and deliver an IV fluid or IV admixture into the blood through a vein and (2) monitor and care for the venipuncture site, terminate the procedure, and record pertinent events and observations.

"IV therapy program" means a nursing home's overall plan to implement, monitor, and safeguard the administration of IV therapy to patients.

"IV therapy nurse" means a registered nurse qualified by education and training who has demonstrated proficiency in the theoretical and clinical aspects of IV therapy to administer an IV fluid or IV admixture.

The following terms are defined but are not subsequently referred to in the bill. They appear in DPH's existing regulations on IV therapy programs in nursing homes.

"IV admixture" means an IV fluid to which one or more additional drug products have been added.

"IV fluid" means sterile solutions of 50 millimeters or more, intended for intravenous infusion, but does not include blood and blood products.

"IV therapy" means the introduction of an IV fluid or IV admixture into the blood through a vein to (1) correct water deficit and electrolyte imbalances, (2) provide nutrition, and (3) deliver antibiotics and other therapeutics approved by a nursing home's medical staff.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/07/2011)