



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1070

Senate, April 20, 2021

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ISSUE HOME HEALTH ORDERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-496a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) All home health care agency, hospice home health care agency and
4 home health aide agency services shall be performed upon the order of
5 a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, a physician assistant
6 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 or an advanced practice registered
7 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

8 (b) All home health care agency, hospice home health care agency
9 and home health aide agency services [which] that are required by law
10 to be performed upon the order of a licensed physician, physician
11 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse may be performed upon
12 the order of a physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice
13 registered nurse licensed in a state [which] that borders Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-496a
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PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill, which allows advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants licensed in Connecticut or a bordering state to issue orders for services provided by home health care, hospice home health care, and home health aide agencies, has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1070*****AN ACT ALLOWING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ISSUE HOME HEALTH ORDERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) licensed in Connecticut or a bordering state to issue orders for services provided by home health care, hospice home health care, and home health aide agencies. Under current law, only a physician licensed in Connecticut or a bordering state may issue these orders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

BACKGROUND***Related Bills***

sHB 6470, favorably reported by the Human Services Committee, allows APRNs and PAs licensed in Connecticut or a bordering state to order home health care services.

HB 6666, favorably reported by the Public Health Committee, allows APRNs and PAs licensed in Connecticut or a bordering state to order home health care agency services.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/31/2021)