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Senate Bill 432  
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars  
Committee: Health Policy

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**SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 432 as introduced 3-28-95:**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow a physician who supervised a physician's assistant or a registered professional nurse (RPN) to delegate, in writing, the ordering, receipt, and dispensing of complimentary starter dose drugs, other than controlled substances; and specify that a physician's assistant could order, receive, and dispense complimentary starter dose drugs (other than controlled substances) as a delegated act of a supervising physician.

Under the bill, when the delegated ordering, receipt, or dispensing of a complimentary starter dose drug occurred, both the name of the physician's assistant or the nurse and the name of the supervising physician would have to be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with each order, receipt, or dispensing.

Further, when a physician's assistant as a delegated act of a supervising physician ordered, received, or dispensed complimentary starter dose drugs, the supervising physician's name would have to be used, recorded or otherwise indicated in connection with each order, receipt, or dispensing so that the individual who processed the order or delivered the drugs, or to whom the drugs were dispensed knew under whose authority the drugs were ordered, received, or dispensed.

Under the Code, a "complimentary starter dose" is a prescription drug packaged, dispensed, and distributed in accordance with State and Federal law, that is provided to a dispensing prescriber free of charge by a manufacturer or distributor, and dispensed free of charge to patients.

MCL 333.17048 et al.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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