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Senate Bill 436 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Raymond M. Murphy
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide that in a methadone treatment program, licensed under the Code, that did not have an on-site pharmacy, a dispensing prescriber could delegate the delivery of one or more single doses of methadone, up to the maximum number of doses allowed by law, to a registered client of the program if all of the following requirements were met:

- The delivery was delegated to a registered professional nurse; a licensed practical nurse; or a physician's assistant if the dispensing prescriber were responsible for the clinical supervision of the physician's assistant.
- The delivery was performed pursuant to specific, written protocols.
- The methadone was labeled in accordance with the Code's requirements regarding drugs dispensed by a dispensing prescriber.

Under the Code, a dispensing prescriber is a licensed doctor, dentist, or other licensed health professional acting under the delegation of a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, who dispenses prescription drugs. Currently, in a public health program without an on-site pharmacy, a dispensing prescriber may delegate the dispensing of prescription drugs only to a registered professional nurse, or a physician's assistant if the dispensing prescriber is responsible for the clinical supervision of the physician's assistant. (Provisions in the Michigan Administrative Code prescribe the maximum number of doses that may be administered to a methadone client. R 325.14401 et al.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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