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Senate Bill 1075 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Tom George
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to specify that Sections 17049 and 17549 of the Code would not require, and a rule could not be promulgated to require, a physician to countersign orders written in a patient's clinical record by a physician's assistant to whom the physician had delegated the performance of medical care services for a patient, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary.

Under Sections 17049 and 17549, a physician who supervises a physician's assistant may delegate to the physician's assistant the performance of medical care services, subject to Sections 17048 and 17548, for a patient who is under the physician's case management responsibility, if the delegation is consistent with the physician's assistant's training. The physician is responsible for the clinical supervision of the physician's assistant. (Under Sections 17048 and 17548, the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery may promulgate rules for the delegation of the function of prescribing drugs.)

MCL 333.17049 & 333.17549

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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