

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

HB 1241 — Ordering of Medication

by Reps. Plasencia, Campbell, and others (CS/SB 152 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Grimsley)

The bill provides express authority for an advanced registered nurse practitioner to order any medication for administration to a patient in a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, nursing home, or mobile surgical facility within the framework of an established protocol. The bill also authorizes, pursuant to a supervising physician's delegation, a physician assistant to order any medication for administration to the supervising physician's patient in a nursing home.

The bill provides express authority in ch. 893, F.S., the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, for a supervisory physician to authorize a physician assistant or an advanced registered nurse practitioner to order controlled substances for administration to a patient in a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, nursing home, or mobile surgical facility.

The bill also authorizes a health care practitioner to prescribe and dispense, or a pharmacist to dispense, an emergency opioid antagonist pursuant to a non-patient specific standing order for an auto injection delivery system or intranasal application delivery system, which must be appropriately labeled with instructions for use.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.
Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0