

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 935 — Home Health Care Services

by Health & Human Services Committee; Select Committee on Health Innovation; and Rep. Franklin and others (CS/SB 1798 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Trumbull)

The bill authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) or a physician assistant (PA), to order or write prescriptions for Medicaid home health services. An APRN or PA ordering the services may not be employed, under contract with, or otherwise affiliated with the home health agency (HHA) rendering the services.

In order for the Agency for Health Care Administration to reimburse when an APRN or a PA orders or writes prescriptions for Medicaid HHA services, the bill requires that:

- The examination of the recipient by the APRN or the PA must happen within the 30 days preceding the initial request for the services and biannually thereafter, which are the same current-law requirements for physicians.
- The national provider identifier, Medicaid identification number, or medical practitioner license number of the APRN or the PA must be listed on the written prescription, the claim for reimbursement, and the prior authorization request, which is also required of physicians under current law.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, the bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0