



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Palliative care facilities

Modifies the definition of "palliative care facility" to clarify that such a facility provides inpatient care on a continuous basis, 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Removes a provision requiring that rules governing palliative care facilities establish metrics to measure the quality of care provided by those facilities and instead requires that the rules establish guidelines for quality assessment and performance improvement programs administered by palliative care facilities.

Removes a provision requiring that palliative care facilities requirements established by rule be consistent with standards specified by the Center to Advance Palliative Care and instead requires that the rules establish minimum standards governing a facility's physical layout and equipment, patient assessments, and patient care planning.

Requires the Director of Health to adopt rules specifying that (1) the medical components of the provision of palliative care must be under the direction of a physician and (2) a palliative care facility must provide certain services and supplies to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and other needs of a palliative care patient.

Hospital after-care and discharge planning

Requires hospitals to give a patient or the patient's guardian the option of designating a lay caregiver for the patient (a person who provides after-care to the patient in the patient's residence after discharge) and specifies responsibilities hospitals have if that option is chosen.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Specifies responsibilities hospitals have with respect to creating patient discharge plans and discharge planning.

Grants a discharging health care professional immunity for an event or occurrence that allegedly arises out of the professional's determination that a patient's lay caregiver should or should not participate in the review of the patient's discharge plan.

Authorizes the Ohio Department of Health to adopt rules to implement the bill's provisions.

Memory care units

Requires the Director of Aging and the Director of Health to jointly develop recommendations regarding the establishment of standards and procedures for the operation of memory care units, as well as quality-of-care metrics for such units.

Autism coverage

Requires health plan issuers to provide coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

Prescribes minimum coverage requirements for autism spectrum disorder.

Allows a health plan issuer to review an autism spectrum disorder treatment plan on an annual basis, or more than once a year if the additional reviews are agreed to by the overseeing physician.

Criminal penalty – assisting suicide

Generally prohibits a person from knowingly causing another to commit or attempt to commit suicide by either providing the physical means to do so or participating in a physical act by which the person commits or attempts to commit suicide.