
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that subjects of assisted
2 community treatment orders must be taken to an emergency room or
3 admitted to a hospital and be attended by a psychiatrist or
4 advanced practice registered nurse to receive court ordered
5 treatment. However, mentally ill individuals who are subject to
6 these orders and refuse to be transported to an emergency room
7 or hospital, and whose actions do not rise to the level of
8 necessitating the initiation of emergency transportation to
9 psychiatric or other designated facility, cannot access the
10 treatment they desperately need.

11 The legislature further finds that the city and county of
12 Honolulu's community outreach and response engagement (CORE)
13 program provides ongoing outreach and treatment to the homeless
14 population in the field using an ambulance equipped with medical
15 supplies. Through the CORE program, state licensed paramedics
16 and registered nurses are able to develop ongoing relationships
17 with the clients they serve and can carry out assisted community



1 treatment orders by administering treatment ordered by a
2 qualified psychiatric examiner.

3 The legislature therefore finds that qualified paramedics
4 licensed by the State and other qualified medical staff
5 participating in a community paramedicine program approved by
6 the department of health should be able to administer court
7 ordered treatment, including the administration of prescription
8 drugs. Allowing personnel and staff to administer treatment
9 outside of a hospital setting can facilitate the administration
10 of life saving treatment for persons subject to an assisted
11 community treatment order.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to facilitate the
13 administration of assisted community treatment orders by
14 authorizing registered nurses and qualified state-licensed
15 health care professionals participating in a community
16 paramedicine program approved by the department of health who
17 are operating as part of a county program to administer
18 prescription medication prescribed as part of an assisted
19 community treatment order treatment plan in settings other than
20 a hospital, psychiatric facility, or other designated facility.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part VIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§334- Administration of assisted community treatment;
5 county programs. A registered nurse licensed under section
6 457-7 or a qualified state-licensed health care professional
7 participating in a community paramedicine program pursuant to
8 section 321-224.4 may administer reasonable and appropriate
9 medication or medications specifically authorized by a court
10 order to a person subject to an order in a location other than a
11 hospital, psychiatric facility, or other facility designated by
12 the director if:

- 13 (1) The subject of the order consents to the
14 administration of the medication or medications;
- 15 (2) The administration of the medication or medications is
16 consistent with accepted medical standards and the
17 court order, including the written treatment plan
18 submitted pursuant to section 334-126(g);
- 19 (3) The registered nurse or qualified state-licensed
20 health care professional knows that the person is
21 subject to an order;



1 (4) The registered nurse or qualified state-licensed
2 health care professional is working within their scope
3 of practice;

4 (5) The registered nurse or qualified state-licensed
5 health care professional is providing treatment
6 through a county program, including a county community
7 outreach program or community paramedicine program;
8 and

9 (6) The location is equipped with medical supplies and
10 designed specifically to administer prehospital or
11 community paramedicine care to patients."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

Report Title:

Assisted Community Treatment; Medication; Administration;
Registered Nurses; Community Paramedicine Program; Health Care
Professionals

Description:

Authorizes registered nurses and qualified state-licensed health care professionals who are participating in a community paramedicine program approved by the Department of Health who are licensed by the State to administer medication as part of an assisted community treatment order's treatment plan to the subject of the order, under certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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