

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/SB 1222 — Acute and Post-acute Hospital Care at Home

by Judiciary Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senators Bean and Gibson

The bill authorizes paramedics and Class III institutional pharmacies – a type of hospital pharmacy – to serve hospital patients in their homes under specified circumstances.

The bill amends s. 401.272, F.S., to authorize a paramedic, under the supervision of a physician or acting under other standing orders, to provide basic life support services and advanced life support services to a patient receiving acute and post-acute hospital care at his or her permanent residence through a program approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The bill provides that a physician who supervises or provides medical direction to a paramedic under such conditions is liable for any act or omission of the paramedic when providing such services. The bill authorizes the Department of Health to adopt rules to implement these provisions.

The bill amends s. 465.003, F.S., to authorize a Class III institutional pharmacy to dispense, distribute, compound, and fill prescriptions for medicinal drugs for a hospital patient in his or her permanent residence through a program approved by the CMS and the AHCA.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0