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SYNOPSIS

Permits certain paramedics to administer buprenorphine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning mobile intensive care paramedics and
2 buprenorphine and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Mobile intensive care paramedic” and “mobile intensive care
10 unit” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 1 of
11 P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7).

12 “Opioid antidote” shall have the same meaning as provided in
13 section 1 of P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-66).

14 b. Subject to the requirements of federal law, a mobile intensive
15 care paramedic in this State who has responded to an emergency as
16 a member of a dispatched mobile intensive care unit may administer
17 buprenorphine to an individual if a member of the mobile intensive
18 care unit administered an opioid antidote to that individual provided
19 that the mobile intensive care paramedic administering the
20 buprenorphine:

21 (1) is providing emergency medical services through a program
22 that is registered with the United States Attorney General pursuant
23 to subsection (j) of 21 U.S.C. s.823;

24 (2) administers the buprenorphine consistent with all applicable
25 requirements of federal law; and

26 (3) has completed supervised comprehensive training and
27 competency assessments within a mobile intensive care unit
28 regarding which specific medical conditions necessitate the
29 administration of buprenorphine, buprenorphine dosage
30 requirements, and required medical documentation following the
31 administration of buprenorphine.

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33 2. The Commissioner of Health may adopt rules and
34 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
35 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
36 the provisions of this act.

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill permits certain paramedics to administer buprenorphine.

44 Under the bill, the bill provides that a paramedic who has
45 responded to an emergency as a member of a dispatched mobile
46 intensive care unit may administer buprenorphine to an individual if
47 a member of the mobile intensive care unit administered an opioid
48 antidote to that individual provided that the paramedic

1 administering the buprenorphine: (1) is providing emergency
2 medical services through a program that is registered with the
3 United States Attorney General pursuant to subsection (j) of 21
4 U.S.C. s.823; (2) administers the buprenorphine consistent with all
5 applicable requirements of federal law; and (3) has completed
6 supervised comprehensive training and competency assessments
7 within a mobile intensive care unit regarding which specific
8 medical conditions necessitate the administration of buprenorphine,
9 buprenorphine dosage requirements, and required medical
10 documentation following the administration of buprenorphine.