



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 251	Senate Amendment 1
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2013 Senate Bill 251 allows a quality assessment and assurance committee of a nursing facility to establish written guidelines or procedures for making therapeutic alternate drug selections for certain purposes, if the committee members include a pharmacist. If the nursing facility does not have such a committee, the facility may create such a committee consisting of the director of nursing services, a physician, a pharmacist, and at least two other members of the nursing home staff. If such a committee is established, it may establish written guidelines for making therapeutic alternative drug selections.

Under the bill, the use of the therapeutic alternate drug selection must have also been approved for a patient by the patient's personal attending physician; the patient's physician assistant, if the physician assistant is under the supervision of the personal attending physician; or the patient's advanced practice nurse prescriber, if the advanced practice nurse prescriber has entered into a written agreement to collaborate with the personal attending physician.

Senate Amendment 1 deletes the authority of an advanced practice nurse prescriber who has entered into a written agreement to collaborate with the personal attending physician to approve a therapeutic alternate drug selection for a nursing home patient.

Bill History

On October 8, 2013, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1, and passed the bill, as amended, both by voice votes.

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