
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1172 (Nguyen) - Adult day programs: administration of inhalable emergency antiseizure medications

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 5 - 0, JUD. 13 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 1172 would allow a licensed adult day program or adult residential facility, upon receipt of a request from an individual diagnosed with seizures or epilepsy, to authorize any employee volunteer to administer inhalable emergency antiseizure medication to the individual during a seizure emergency.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, likely hundreds of thousands, for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for state administration.

Background: The CDSS licenses adult day programs and adult residential facilities. Adult day programs provide assistance with personal care, activities of daily living, and/or supervision for participants, on a less than 24-hour basis. Services vary, but may include therapeutic activities such as art; social work; meals; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; self-help and self-advocacy skill development; behavior management; and social skills development. Adult day programs are available for older adults and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Adult residential facilities are generally considered facilities that provide 24-hour residentially-based care for adults who are unable to provide for their own daily needs. Adult residential facilities typically provide residential care for adults with mental health needs or developmental disabilities that prevent them from living at home safely on their own. Adult day programs and adult residential facilities may only provide nonmedical care and supervision.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Provide that if an individual diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy has been prescribed inhalable emergency antiseizure medication by their health care provider, the individual's licensed facility (adult day program or adult residential facility) may, upon receipt of a request from the individual or individual's authorized representative, authorize any volunteer to administer inhalable emergency antiseizure medication to the individual during a seizure emergency, as specified.
- Require the CDSS, in consultation with organizations and providers with expertise in epilepsy, administering emergency antiseizure medication, and administering medication in a school environment, including, but not limited to, the Epilepsy Foundation, Epilepsy Foundations in California, and the California Medical Association, to adopt minimum training standards for recognizing and responding to seizures, including administering inhalable emergency antiseizure medication.
- Require that, before administering inhalable emergency antiseizure medication prescribed to treat seizures in an individual diagnosed with seizures, a seizure

disorder, or epilepsy, a licensed adult day program or a licensed adult residential facility must develop a seizure action plan approved by the individual or the individual's authorized representative, as specified.

- Require that any licensed adult day program or a licensed adult residential facility that authorizes volunteers must ensure that each employee who volunteers to administer inhalable emergency antiseizure medication will be provided defense and indemnification for any and all civil liability, as specified.
- Provide that a volunteer who administers inhalable emergency antiseizure medication, any person who provides training to a volunteer, or any person who otherwise complies with the requirements of the bill's provisions, in good faith and not for compensation, is not subject to professional review, civil liability, or criminal prosecution for their actions or omissions, as specified.

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