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### Overview

This act adds advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to various statutes that give authority to physicians to engage in specific actions or certify or provide certain information. It also eliminates language authorizing APRNs and physician assistants to authorize a new pair of prescription eyeglasses using an old prescription.

#### Section

- 1 Public data.** Amends § 13.83, subd. 2. Adds certification of attendance by an APRN to section specifying which data on a deceased person is public.
- 2 Communication privacy.** Amends § 144.651, subd. 21. Modifies the health care bill of rights by adding APRNs to those persons who may document that an activity is medically inadvisable.
- 3 Request for discontinuation of life-sustaining treatment.** Amends § 144A.4791, subd. 13. Adds APRNs to persons who must receive notice and work to comply with the Health Care Directive Act when a client requests that a home care provider discontinue life-sustaining treatment.
- 4 Exception to eyeglasses prescription expiration.** Amends § 145.7131. Removes language allowing advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to authorize a new pair of prescription eyeglasses using a prescription from old lenses or the last available prescription.
- 5 Definitions.** Amends § 245G.22, subd. 2. Allows an APRN who is approved by variance by the State Opioid Treatment Authority and the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to be a medical director in an opioid treatment program.

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- 6 Exemptions and emergency admissions.** Amends § 256.975, subd. 7b. Adds APRNs to those persons who may authorize emergency placement and determine the need for emergency admission to a nursing facility prior to screening.
- 7 Income deductions.** Amends § 256B.0575, subd. 1. Adds APRNs to those persons who may certify that a person is expected to reside in long-term care for three months or less, for purposes of allocating income to an institutionalized person in an amount equal to the MA standard for a family size of one.
- 8 Homestead exception to transfer prohibition.** Amends § 256B.0595, subd. 3. Adds APRNs to those persons who may certify that an institutionalized individual's live-in son or daughter provided care to that individual that allowed them to stay in the home, for purposes of the homestead exception to the MA asset transfer prohibition.
- 9 Skilled and intermediate nursing care.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 2. Adds APRNs to those persons who may certify that a patient has a terminal illness and that moving the patient is not in the patient's best interests, for purposes of MA coverage of swing bed nursing care.
- 10 Parents, guardian.** Amends § 259.24, subd. 2. Adds APRNs to those persons with whom a minor parent may consult when consenting to the adoption of a child.
- 11 Child in need of protection or services.** Amends § 260C.007, subd. 6. Adds APRNs to the provision describing medical neglect and the withholding of medically indicated treatment.