

Subject Jail inmate medications

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Summary

This bill modifies the statute that requires jails to provide inmates with prescriptions for the drugs they were taking at the time they were incarcerated, which the legislature enacted last session. The bill:

- Authorizes each facility to establish a protocol to verify an inmate’s existing prescription prior to issuing the inmate a replacement or refill prescription.
- Removes the reference to “Jarvis” order and replaces it with a reference to section 253B.092, subdivision 8, which is the statutory standard applied in “Jarvis” cases. (Jarvis orders authorize the involuntary administration of neuroleptic (antipsychotic) medication to civilly committed patients who lack the capacity to consent.)
- Removes the requirement that a jail health care professional needs to consult with the inmate’s personal health care professional before determining that the inmate does not need a certain prescription.
- Removes the requirement that an inmate must provide written notice to the jail health care professional of the inmate’s decision to decline a prescription.