

## **MN APRN Coalition and Minnesota Nurse Practitioners**

### **Chapter 170- HF 2746 Section Summary**

#### **Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 13.83, Subd. 2: Public data.**

Currently, a medical examiner may release certain information as public regarding a deceased person. This public information includes the name and practice address of a physician providing care. This section adds the name and practice address of an APRN who was the deceased individual's care provider as public data the medical examiner may release.

#### **Section 2. Minnesota Statute 2016, 144.651, Subd. 21 Health Care Bill of Rights**

This section pertains to the Minnesota Health Care Bill of Rights. Current language assures privacy for patients or residents of health facilities. Patients and residents have the right to expect personal mail is delivered without interference and should be received unopened unless medically or programmatically contraindicated as documented by the physician. Additionally, disclosure of the patient's admission to a facility by a legal guardian or conservator of a patient or resident should consider the opinions of the patient or resident unless medically inadvisable again as documented by the physician. This statute allows the APRN to attest to the contraindication in documentation.

#### **Section 3. Minnesota Statute 2016, 144A.4791, Subd. 13: Request for discontinuation of life-sustaining treatment**

This statute requires a home care provider receiving a request from a client, family member, or other caregiver to end life-sustaining treatment to inform the client that the request will be made known to the physician or APRN providing care, and to then inform the physician or APRN of the client's request and work together and comply with the provisions of the Health Care Directive Act.

#### **Section 4 Minnesota Statutes 2017, section 145.7131 Exception to Eyeglass Prescription Expiration.**

This statutory change deletes APRNs and PAs from the providers that in an emergency situation in the case of lost glasses may authorize a new pair of prescription eyeglasses using the prescription from the old lenses or the last prescription available. Only optometrists and physicians can prescribe based on an old prescription.

#### **Section 5. Minnesota Statutes 2017, Supplement 245G.22, subd. 2 Chemical Dependency Treatment Facilities**

This section allows APRNs to be delegated responsibility by a treatment facility medical director to provide care and treatment in the facility. This APRN must be approved through a variance by the State Opioid Treatment Authority under section 254A.03 to provide Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT).

**Section 6. Minnesota Statute 2016, 256.975, Sub. 7b: Emergency admission to a nursing facility.**

This section allows APRNs to document the need for and authorize emergency admission to a nursing facility.

**Section 7. Minnesota Statute 2016, 256B.0575 Subd. 1: Income for MA eligible institutionalized individuals.**

This section allows APRNs to certify when an institutionalized MA eligible individual is expected to reside in the long-term care facility for three calendar months or less.

**Section 8. Minnesota Statute 2016, 256B.095, Subd. 3: Homestead exception to transfer prohibition.**

This section allows APRNs to verify that an individual's son or daughter was living in the individual's home and providing care for a period of two years that enabled the individual to reside at home rather than receive care in an institution or facility.

**Section 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 256B.0625, Subd. 2: Skilled and intermediate nursing care.**

This section allows APRNs to verify swing bed eligibility for Medical Assistance that their patient has a terminal illness or condition that is likely to result in death within 30 days and that moving the patient would not be in the best interests of the patient and patient's family.

**Section 10. Minnesota Statute 2016, 259.24, Subd. 2: Consulting with minor parent in adoption cases.**

This section includes APRNs in the list of people with whom a minor parent shall be offered consultation prior to consent for adoption. It also clarifies that consistent with the other people on the list, the advice or opinion of the APRN shall not be binding on the minor parent, and the cost of consultation, if not able to be covered by the minor parent, shall be borne by the county.

**Section 11. Minnesota Statute 2017, 260C.007, Subd. 6: Verification of child who is medically neglected.**

This section allows APRNs to verify that a child is medically neglected, which includes, but is not limited to, the withholding of medically indicated treatment from an infant with a disability with a life-threatening condition.

