

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1904H1

Patron: Willett

Bill Title: Department of Health; coverage for nursery services; certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; nurse practitioners.

Bill Summary: The bills, as amended, directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations on coverage for nursery services to allow certain certified nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, or pediatric nurse practitioners to be on the 24-hour on-call duty roster for general level newborn nursery services. In order to be on the 24-hour on-call duty roster, such health care providers shall have pediatric privileges and a neonatal resuscitation certification from the American Academy of Pediatrics, including endotracheal intubation training. Such health care providers shall be subject to the same requirement that applies to physicians regarding their capability of arriving on site within 30 minutes of notification. Additionally requires a physician to provide consultation via telehealth, including audio-only consultation, when a certified nurse midwife, licensed certified midwife, or pediatric nurse practitioner is providing coverage for the 24-hour on-call duty roster and a physician is incapable of arriving on site within 30 minutes of notification.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: None.

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact, as amended, is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to amend regulations is expected to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None.