

Senate File 429 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to electronic prescriptions transmitted by an
2 authorized agent of a practitioner.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 155A.27, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) Notwithstanding paragraph "a",
4 subparagraph (5), if transmitted by an authorized agent,
5 the electronic prescription shall not require the written
6 or electronic signature of the practitioner issuing the
7 prescription.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill provides, with regard to an electronic
12 prescription, that if the prescription is transmitted by
13 an authorized agent of the practitioner, the electronic
14 prescription shall not require the written or electronic
15 signature of the practitioner issuing the prescription.
16 Similarly, under current law, if a prescription is oral, the
17 practitioner is not required to provide a written signature
18 or the address of the practitioner. An "authorized agent" is
19 defined in Code section 155A.3 as an individual designated by a
20 practitioner who is under the supervision of the practitioner
21 and for whom the practitioner assumes legal responsibility.