

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sandy Puckett and I am a Bleeding Disorder Nurse Educator for Diplomat Specialty Infusion Group. I am writing you seeking to draw attention to SB 215. This bill was brought forward in an attempt to reduce the morbidity and mortality of people with rare diseases who may need emergent, lifesaving medication outside of a healthcare facility. While EMS and ED clinicians are excellent at stabilization of patients, they will not have access to most of the medications necessary to stabilize or save the life of many with rare diseases necessitating highly specialized, expensive medications. This bill would offer a data base with specialized instructions/recommendations for patients who elect to participate so emergency personnel can have access/direction on how to treat with the patient's own medication. This will provide the rapid access to the appropriate treatment necessary. The reduction in delayed treatment is directly related to the reduction in morbidity and mortality of this fragile population in turn improving quality of life and reducing overall healthcare cost.

I encourage you to listen to the recorded testimony previously shared regarding this Bill and am hopeful you will consider supporting moving it forward.

Respectfully,
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