

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 66, *approved April 7, 1997*  
Assembly, No. 2130 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning home health care and supplementing P.L.1991,  
2 c.377 (C. 45:11-45 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary,  
8 a home health care agency licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136  
9 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.)<sup>2</sup>, a health care service firm registered pursuant to  
10 N.J.A.C.13:45B-14.1 et seq., a Medicare-certified hospice program<sup>2</sup>  
11 or <sup>2</sup>[its] the<sup>2</sup> employees <sup>2</sup>of the agency, firm or program<sup>2</sup> who are  
12 registered professional nurses may purchase, store or transport for the  
13 purpose of administering to their home health patients the following  
14 noncontrolled drugs: sterile saline solution, sterile water,  
15 adrenalin/epinephrine, <sup>1</sup>[benedryl, and] diphenhydramine  
16 hydrochloride,<sup>1</sup> heparin flush solution and <sup>1</sup>any other noncontrolled  
17 drug approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, in consultation  
18 with the State Board of Medical Examiners and the New Jersey Board  
19 of Pharmacy<sup>1</sup>. Such drugs shall only be administered pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[a  
20 standing order] protocols utilized<sup>1</sup> by a health care professional  
21 licensed to prescribe drugs in New Jersey.

22 The New Jersey Board of Nursing, in consultation with the <sup>1</sup>State  
23 Board of Medical Examiners and the<sup>1</sup> New Jersey Board of Pharmacy,  
24 may adopt rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for  
25 the purchase, storage, handling, use and disposal of such drugs  
26 pursuant to this act.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted June 20, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 7, 1996.

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3 Allows home health care agencies to possess and administer certain  
4 noncontrolled prescription drugs.