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Bill Analysis

SB 1844 amends various terms in the Physician Assistant Act. Practice of medicine is amended to provide for physician collaboration instead of supervision and authorizes physician assistants to provide health care services, provided a practice agreement with an allopathic or osteopathic physician or physicians is in place. Patient care settings may also include hospice care.

The measure directs a physician assistant to collaborate with an appropriate member of the healthcare team based on certain conditions. Payment for such services by a health insurance plan shall be made when ordered or performed by the physician assistant if the same service would have been provided by a physician. The measure requires payments to be made based on service, not the qualifications of the health professional. Licensed physician assistants are also authorized to perform emergency medical care and are provided with immunity to civil liability when responding to such emergencies.

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