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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4659 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Joseph N. Bellino, Jr.  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to prescribe certain exceptions to a requirement that prescriptions be transmitted electronically.

Beginning October 1, 2021, Section 17754a of the Code requires a prescriber or his or her agent to electronically transmit a prescription, including a prescription for a controlled substance, directly to a pharmacy of the patient's choice.

The requirement to transmit a prescription electronically does not apply under certain specified circumstances. Under the bill, the requirement also would not apply to the following circumstances:

- If the prescription were dispensed by a dispensing prescriber.
- If the prescription were for a dialysis-related drug that was administered as part of or incident to a home-based dialysis treatment.

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Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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