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SB 262 - Dispensing Medicinal Drugs Signed Into Law

Wellington, Fla. – Yesterday, SB 262 – Dispensing Medicinal Drugs by **Representative Matt Willhite (D – Wellington)** was signed into law by Governor DeSantis. This legislation authorizes a hospital to offer a discharged patient up to 24 hours or the next business day worth of medication upon discharge. The purpose of this new law is to provide patients with continued treatment without any lost time, helping patients stay pain-free until they can get their prescriptions from the pharmacy.

After the signing of this bill, **Representative Willhite** issued the following statement:

“This is the third legislative session that I worked on passing this legislation; it is a great accomplishment to see it signed by the Governor. With roughly one thousand people a day moving to the state of Florida, and with a growing population we must come up with innovative solutions that expand health care to all Floridians. Now that this legislation is law, busy parents, transportation disadvantaged Floridians or anyone that is discharged from a hospital late at night or on a holiday weekend will have the option to leave with the medications they need to continue their treatment.”

SB 262 will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

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