



April 24, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor, State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**RE: House Bill 1625 – Provision of Drugs to Ambulance or Aid Services**

Dear Governor Inslee,

On behalf of the 99 hospital members of the Washington State Hospital Association, it is a pleasure to ask you to sign Substitute House Bill 1625. HB 1625 allows hospitals to provide drugs to ambulance or aid services, codifying into statute what has been longstanding practice. The Washington State Hospital Association worked closely with the Washington State Department of Health to amend the bill before you.

HB 1625 had unanimous, bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. The Senate voted 47-0 and the House voted 96-0 on the bill.

Allowing hospitals to provide drugs to ambulance or aid services will reduce drug costs, provide better drug inventory control and help address short-term drug shortages. The value to rural communities is obvious, but it will also be useful in urban settings across the state.

We respectfully request you sign HB 1625 into law.

Sincerely,

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