

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 832:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 approval of physician's assistants, so as to provide for actions of such assistants with regard
3 to professional samples; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to approval of
8 physician's assistants, is amended by adding after subsection (e.1) a new subsection to read
9 as follows:

10 "(e.2) A physician's assistant shall be allowed to request, receive, and sign for professional
11 samples and may distribute professional samples to patients, pursuant to authority
12 delegated by the supervising physician of that physician's assistant. Delegation of such
13 authority shall be contained in the job description required by this Code section; provided,
14 however, the office or facility at which the physician's assistant is working must maintain
15 a list of professional samples approved by the supervising physician for request, receipt,
16 and distribution by the physician's assistant as well as a complete list of the specific
17 number and dosage of each professional sample received and dispensed. In addition to the
18 requirements of this Code section, all professional samples shall be maintained as required
19 by applicable state and federal law and regulations. As used in this subsection, the term
20 'professional samples' means complimentary doses of a drug, medication vouchers, or
21 medical devices provided by the manufacturer for use in patient care."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.