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Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida House of Representatives passes [CS/SB 262](#) sponsored by **Representative Matt Willhite (D-Wellington)**. **CS/SB 262** a bill whose purpose is to ensure the continuation of treatment to a patient discharged from the hospital. Imagine leaving a hospital at 2 AM, and there is not a pharmacy nearby to fill your prescription. Or... Perhaps you are discharged on a holiday weekend; again, there is not an open pharmacy nearby. If signed into law, this legislation authorizes a hospital to offer a discharged patient up to 48 hours or the next business day worth of medication upon discharge.

“One thousand people a day move to the state of Florida, and with a growing population we must come up with innovative solutions that expand health care to all Floridians,” stated **Representative Willhite**. “This legislation provides patients with continued treatment without any lost time, helping patients stay pain-free until they can get their prescriptions from the pharmacy. I truly believe that this legislation will help all Floridians.”

Before final passage of the bill, **Representative Willhite** thanked **Speaker Sprowls** and everyone who helped in making sure this legislation made it through the legislative process. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature before becoming law.

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