

CHAPTER 147A

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, REGISTRATION

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147A.01 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 17, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 18. **Physician assistant or registered physician assistant.** "Physician assistant" or "registered physician assistant" means a person registered pursuant to this chapter who is qualified by academic or practical training or both to provide patient services as specified in this chapter, under the supervision of a supervising physician.

[For text of subds 19 to 21, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 22. **Registration.** "Registration" is the process by which the board determines that an applicant has been found to meet the standards and qualifications found in this chapter.

[For text of subds 23 to 27, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 2 art 1 s 18,19

147A.08 EXEMPTIONS.

(a) This chapter does not apply to, control, prevent, or restrict the practice, service, or activities of persons listed in section 147.09, clauses (1) to (6) and (8) to (13), persons regulated under section 214.01, subdivision 2, or persons defined in section 144.1501, subdivision 1, paragraphs (e), (g), and (h).

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require registration of:

(1) a physician assistant student enrolled in a physician assistant or surgeon assistant educational program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or by its successor agency approved by the board;

(2) a physician assistant employed in the service of the federal government while performing duties incident to that employment; or

(3) technicians, other assistants, or employees of physicians who perform delegated tasks in the office of a physician but who do not identify themselves as a physician assistant.

History: 1Sp2003 c 14 art 7 s 47

147A.09 SCOPE OF PRACTICE, DELEGATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 2. **Delegation.** Patient services may include, but are not limited to, the following, as delegated by the supervising physician and authorized in the agreement:

(1) taking patient histories and developing medical status reports;

(2) performing physical examinations;

(3) interpreting and evaluating patient data;

(4) ordering or performing diagnostic procedures;

(5) ordering or performing therapeutic procedures;

(6) providing instructions regarding patient care, disease prevention, and health promotion;

(7) assisting the supervising physician in patient care in the home and in health care facilities;

(8) creating and maintaining appropriate patient records;

(9) transmitting or executing specific orders at the direction of the supervising physician;

(10) prescribing, administering, and dispensing legend drugs and medical devices if this function has been delegated by the supervising physician pursuant to and subject to the limitations of section 147.34 and chapter 151. Physician assistants who have been delegated the authority to prescribe controlled substances shall maintain a separate addendum to the delegation form which lists all schedules and categories of controlled substances which the physician assistant has the authority to prescribe. This addendum shall be maintained with the physician-physician assistant agreement, and the delegation form at the address of record;

(11) for physician assistants not delegated prescribing authority, administering legend drugs and medical devices following prospective review for each patient by and upon direction of the supervising physician;

(12) functioning as an emergency medical technician with permission of the ambulance service and in compliance with section 144E.127, and ambulance service rules adopted by the commissioner of health;

(13) initiating evaluation and treatment procedures essential to providing an appropriate response to emergency situations; and

(14) certifying a physical disability under section 169.345, subdivision 2a.

Orders of physician assistants shall be considered the orders of their supervising physicians in all practice-related activities, including, but not limited to, the ordering of diagnostic, therapeutic, and other medical services.

History: 2003 c 108 s 1

147A.24 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 2. **Type of education required.** Approved continuing education is approved if it is equivalent to category 1 credit hours as defined by the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, or by organizations that have reciprocal arrangements with the physician recognition award program of the American Medical Association.

History: 2003 c 2 art 1 s 20