

APPENDIX II: The table below shows how states address the elements of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own licenses and under standing orders:

APPENDIX II TABLE: SUMMARY OF NON-PHYSICIAN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE AND STATE LAW								
STATE	Immunization Practice Permitted Under Non-Physician License				Immunization Practice Permitted Under Standing Orders			
	Expanded Role Nurse	Registered Nurse	Pharmacist	Physician Assistant	Expanded Role Nurse	Registered Nurse	Pharmacist	Physician Assistant
Alabama	X	X			X			X
Alaska	X	X						
Arizona	X	X			X		X	
Arkansas		X			X		X	X
California	X				X	X		
Colorado					X		X	X
Connecticut					X	X		X
Delaware		X					X	
DC	X	X			X			
Florida		X						X
Georgia						X		X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X				X
Idaho			X					X
Illinois		X			X			X
Indiana	X	X			X			X
Iowa		X					X	
Kansas	X				X			X
Kentucky		X						X
Louisiana	X	X					X	
Maine	X	X			X			X
Maryland	X	X					X	
Massachusetts	X	X			X	X		X
Michigan								X
Minnesota								
Mississippi	X	X			X			
Missouri		X			X	X		
Montana		X			X		X	
Nebraska		X			X		X	X
Nevada	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
N. Hampshire		X						
New Jersey		X			X		X	
New Mexico	X					X	X	X
New York	X							X
N. Carolina	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
N. Dakota	X	X			X		X	X
Ohio		X			X		X	
Oklahoma		X					X	
Oregon	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania			X	X	X	X	X	X
Rhode Island					X	X		X
S. Carolina	X	X			X	X		X
S. Dakota	X		X		X			
Tennessee	X	X			X		X	
Texas	X	X		X	X		X	
Utah	X	X						
Vermont	X	X					X	X
Virginia		X			X	X	X	
Washington	X	X			X	X		X
W. Virginia		X		X	X			X
Wisconsin		X				X	X	
Wyoming	X	X						X
TOTALS	31/51	39/51	6/51	5/51	33/51	17/51	23/51	46/51

Essential: Consult a state fact sheet for specific information regarding the extent to which certain non-physicians are permitted to engage in immunization practice under their own license or under standing orders.

Gray Box = The service is either prohibited or the state failed to address the service.
 = without limitations **X** = with limitations

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The tables 1-102 below show how individual state legal authority addresses the 3 elements of immunization practice under various practice licenses and standing orders.

**Table 1: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
ALABAMA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X	X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
a. Practice of professional nursing. [A]ny act in the care and counseling of persons or in the promotion and maintenance of health and prevention of illness and injury based upon the nursing process which includes systematic data gathering, assessment. *Code of Ala. (2005) § 34-21-1. Definitions*

(1) The practice of professional nursing includes, but is not limited to: . . . (e) Executing medical regimens including administering medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed or otherwise legally authorized prescriber. *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-6-.03 (2005) Practice Of Professional Nursing.*

a. Practice of professional nursing. The performance, for compensation of any act . . . and executing medical regimens including administering medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed or otherwise legally authorized physician or dentist. *Code of Ala. § 34-21-1 (2005) Definitions*

Registered Nurse and Practical Nurse:
(1) In addition to administration of drugs ordered by a licensed physician or dentist, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are authorized to administer a legend drug that has been lawfully ordered or prescribed by authorized certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, licensed physician assistants or licensed surgeon assistants. . . . (3) The RN or LPN may implement written standing orders at the direction of an authorized prescriber. *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-6-.09 (2005) Patient Care Orders.*

(a) . . . (c) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are authorized to administer any legend drug that has been lawfully ordered or prescribed by an authorized practitioner including certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and/or assistants to physicians. *Code of Ala. § 34-21-86 (2005) Prescriptions -- Administration of drugs*

Nurse Practitioner:
(1) The certified registered nurse practitioner is responsible and accountable for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of health services . . . These services include but are not restricted to the following: (a) Evaluate current health status and risk factors of individuals based on comprehensive health history and comprehensive physical examinations and assessments. *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-5-.10 Functions And Activities Of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.*

(1) The certified registered nurse practitioner is responsible and accountable for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of health services . . . These services include but are not restricted to the following: . . . (c) . . . administer and provide therapeutic measures, tests, procedures, and drugs. *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-5-.10 (2005) Functions And Activities Of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.*

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**Table 2: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ALABAMA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
S	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

(1) The certified registered nurse practitioner is responsible and accountable for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of health services . . . These services include but are not restricted to the following: . . . (c) Prescribe . . . therapeutic measures . . . procedures, and drugs. *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-5-.10 Functions And Activities Of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.*

(1) Certified registered nurse practitioners engaged in collaborative practice with physicians may be granted prescriptive authority . . . *Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-5-.11 (2005) Prescriptions And Medication Orders By Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.*

d. [A] clinical nurse specialist may not do any of the following: . . . 3. Prescribe drugs of any type. *Code of Ala. § 34-21-81 (2005).*

Definitions

Nurse Practitioner and Midwife:

(a) Certified registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives, engaged in collaborative practice with physicians practicing under protocols . . . may prescribe legend drugs to their patients, subject to both of the following conditions: (1) The drug type, dosage, quantity prescribed, and number of refills shall be authorized in an approved protocol signed by the collaborating physician; and (2) The drug shall be on the formulary recommended by the joint committee and adopted by the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing. . .

Code of Ala. § 34-21-86 (2005) Prescriptions -- Administration of drugs

Physician Assistant:

(c) A licensed assistant to a physician registered to a licensed physician practicing under a job description . . . may prescribe legend drugs to patients, subject to both of the following conditions: (1) The drug type, dosage, quantity prescribed, and number of refills shall be authorized in an approved job description signed by the physicians to whom the assistant is registered. (2) The drug shall be on the formulary approved under the guidelines of the Board of Medical Examiners. . . *Code of Ala. § 34-24-292 (2005) Performance of medical services --*

Prescribing and administering drugs

(d) Assistants to physicians may administer any legend drug which they are authorized to prescribe under this section. An assistant to a physician may not initiate a call-in prescription in the name of his or her physician for any drug, whether legend drug or controlled substance, which the assistant is not authorized to prescribe under the job description signed by his or her physician . . . unless the drug is specifically ordered for the patient by the physician either in writing or by a verbal order which has been reduced to writing and which has been signed by the physician within a time specified in the guidelines of the Board of Medical Examiners. *Code of Ala. § 34-24-292 (2005) Performance of medical services -- Prescribing and administering drugs*

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**Table 3: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
ALASKA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse	X		X					X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(9) “practice of registered nursing” means . . . assessing and responding to health needs of individuals, families or communities through services that include (A) assessment of problems, counseling, and teaching. *Alaska Stat. § 08.68.410 (2006) Definitions*

Nurse Practitioner:

(1) “advanced nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse . . . who, because of specialized education and experience, is certified to perform acts of . . . prescription . . . of medical, therapeutic, or corrective measures. *Alaska Stat. § 08.68.410 (2006) Definitions*

(a) The board will . . . authorize an advanced nurse practitioner or “ANP” to prescribe . . . legend drugs in accordance with state and federal laws. *12 Alaska Admin. Code 44.440 (2006) Prescriptive authority*

(1) “advanced nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse authorized to practice in the state who . . . is certified to perform acts of medical diagnosis and . . . dispensing of medical, therapeutic, or corrective measures. . . . *Alaska Stat. §08.68.410 (2006) Definitions*

(a) The board will . . . authorize an advanced nurse practitioner or “ANP” to . . . dispense legend drugs in accordance with state and federal laws. *12 Alaska Admin. Code 44.440 (2006) Prescriptive authority*

(9) “practice of registered nursing” means . . . responding to health needs of individuals, families or communities through services that include . . . (F) performance of acts of medical diagnosis and the prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures. *Alaska Stat. § 08.68.410 (2006) Definitions*

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**Table 4: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ALASKA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(1) A physician assistant may examine . . . persons under the supervision, control, and responsibility of either a physician licensed under this chapter or a physician exempted from licensing . . . *Alaska Stat. § 08.64.170 (2006) License to practice medicine, podiatry, or osteopathy*

(f) A physician assistant may prescribe, order, administer, or dispense a medication that is not a controlled substance only with the authorization of the physician assistant’s primary collaborating physician. *12 Alaska Admin. Code 40.450 (2006) Authority to prescribe, order, administer, and dispense medications*

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**Table 5: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
ARIZONA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.	X				X			X
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X	X		
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse	X							X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
	Vocational			X					X
Pharmacist			X					X	
Physician Assistant			X					X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

4. Assessing the patient's needs, planning for, implementing, evaluating, and documenting the nursing care being provided to each patient.

A.A.C. § R4-19-402 (2005) Scope of Practice for a Professional Nurse

Nurse Practitioner:

15. "Registered nurse practitioner" means a professional nurse who: (d) Has an expanded scope of practice within a specialty area that includes: (i) Assessing clients, synthesizing and analyzing data and understanding and applying principles of health care at an advanced level. . . (v) . . . administering and dispensing therapeutic measures, including legend drugs . . . and controlled substances within the scope of registered nurse practitioner practice. *A.R.S. § 32-1601 (2005) Definitions*

In addition to the functions of the professional nurse, a clinical nurse specialist . . . may perform the following: 1. Comprehensive assessment, analysis, and evaluation of individuals, families, communities, or any combination of individuals, families, and communities, with complex health needs within an area of specialization; 2. Direct patient care as an advanced clinician within the clinical nurse specialist's specialty area and develop, implement, and evaluate treatment plans within that specialty; *A.A.C. § R4-19-512 (2005) Scope of Practice of the Clinical Nurse Specialist*

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

In addition to the functions of the professional nurse, a clinical nurse specialist . . . may perform the following: 1. Comprehensive assessment, analysis, and evaluation of individuals, families, communities, or any combination of individuals, families, and communities, with complex health needs within an area of specialization; 2. Direct patient care as an advanced clinician within the clinical nurse specialist's specialty area and develop, implement, and evaluate treatment plans within that specialty; *A.A.C. § R4-19-512 (2005) Scope of Practice of the Clinical Nurse Specialist*

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**Table 6: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ARIZONA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X				X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

In addition to the scope of practice permitted a professional nurse, an RNP may perform the following acts in collaboration with a physician:
 1. Examine a patient and establish a medical diagnosis by client history, physical examination, and other criteria; . . .4. Identify, develop, implement, and evaluate a plan of care for a patient to promote, maintain, and restore health . . . 5. If authorized under *R4-19-507*, prescribe . . .dispense medication; *A.A.C. § R4-19-505 (2005) Scope of Practice of a Registered Nurse Practitioner*

15. "Registered nurse practitioner" means a professional nurse who: (d) Has an expanded scope of practice within a specialty area that includes: . . .(v) . . . prescribing . . . including legend drugs, medical devices and controlled substances within the scope of registered nurse practitioner practice on meeting the requirements established by the board. *A.R.S. § 32-1601(2005) Definitions*

A. The Board shall authorize an RNP to prescribe . . .dispense medication within the RNP's scope of practice . . . C. An RNP with P & D authority may: 1. Prescribe medications . . . *A.A.C. § R4-19-507 (2005) Prescribing and Dispensing Authority*

Physician Assistant:

A. [A] supervising physician . . . may delegate health care tasks to the physician assistant. . . These tasks may include: 1. Obtaining patient histories. 2. Performing physical examinations. 3. Ordering and performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. 4. Formulating a diagnostic impression. 5. Developing and implementing a treatment plan. . . 10. Prescribing schedule IV or V controlled substances . . . and prescription-only medications. 11. Prescribing schedule II and III controlled substances . . . *A.R.S. § 32-2531(2005) Health care tasks; scope of practice; restrictions; civil penalty*

A. [A] physician assistant shall not prescribe . . . administer 1. A schedule II or schedule III controlled substance . . . without delegation by the supervising physician, board approval and drug enforcement administration registration. 2. A schedule IV or schedule V controlled substance . . . without drug enforcement administration registration and delegation by the supervising physician. 3. Prescription-only medication without delegation by the supervising physician. *A.R.S. § 32-2532 (2005) Prescribing, administering and dispensing drugs; limits and requirements; notice*

A. A supervising physician shall obtain Board approval to delegate authority to a physician assistant to prescribe . . .administer Schedule II or III controlled substances. . . *A.A.C. § R4-17-301 (2005) Delegation of Authority for Schedule II or Schedule III Controlled Substances*

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**Table 6: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ARIZONA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X				X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

Pharmacist:

A. Authority to administer hepatitis, influenza, meningococcal, pneumonia, smallpox, and tetanus toxoid immunizations and, in an emergency, epinephrine. If a pharmacist meets the qualifications and standards specified by this Section and the Board certifies the pharmacist, the pharmacist may administer hepatitis, influenza, meningococcal, pneumonia, smallpox, and tetanus toxoid immunizations and, in an emergency, epinephrine to an eligible patient 18 years of age and older upon receipt of a valid prescription order. The Board shall certify a pharmacist who meets the qualifications established in subsection (B). A pharmacist who has authority to administer hepatitis, influenza, meningococcal, pneumonia, smallpox, and tetanus toxoid immunizations and, in an emergency, epinephrine shall not delegate the authority to any other pharmacist or employee: 1. Has a current, unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in this state; 2. Successfully completes a training program specified in subsection (C); and 3. Has a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 1. Basic immunology and the human immune response; 2. Mechanics of immunity, adverse effects, dose, and administration schedule of available vaccines; 3. Response to an emergency situation as a result of the administration of an immunization, including administering epinephrine based on a patient-specific prescription order received before administering of an immunization; 4. Administration of intramuscular injections; 5. Other immunization administration methods; and 6. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements specified in subsection . . . F. Renewal of a certificate for pharmacist-administered immunizations. A certificate authorizing a pharmacist to administer hepatitis, influenza, meningococcal, pneumonia, smallpox, and tetanus toxoid immunizations and, in an emergency, epinephrine shall be renewed biennially by November 1. Any pharmacist desiring to renew the certificate shall provide proof of the following: 1. Current certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and 2. Completion of a minimum of two contact hours (0.2 CEU) of continuing education related to immunizations. A pharmacist may use the continuing education hours required in this subsection as part of the total continuing education hours required for pharmacist license renewal. *A.A.C. § R4-23-411(2005) Pharmacist-administered Immunizations*

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**Table 7: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
ARKANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
 . . . (6) “Practice of professional nursing” means the performance for compensation of any acts involving . . . (E) The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by practitioners authorized to prescribe and treat. *A.C.A. § 17-87-102 (2006) Definitions*

Registered Nurse:
 . . . (6) “Practice of professional nursing” means the performance for compensation of any acts involving: (A) The observation, care, and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm; (B) The maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others . . . *A.C.A. § 17-87-102 (2006) Definitions*

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**Table 8: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ARKANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
S	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant		X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

1. [T]he registered nurse practitioner, [may] in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts at the advanced and specialized levels as recognized by the nursing profession and which are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act. a. Secures, records and evaluates the health . . . and developmental history of patients. B. Performs physician examinations using techniques of observation . . . j. Performs periodic health evaluations and plans for health maintenance of clients . . . 2. Protocols shall address: . . . c. . . . assessment, diagnosis, treatment and evaluation. . . **067 00 CARR 001 (2005) State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations**

Advanced Practice:

(a) The . . . Board . . . may grant a certificate of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice nurse who . . . (2) Has a collaborative agreement who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act . . . (b) (1) An advanced practice nurse with a certificate of prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or therapeutic devices . . . (2) An advanced practice nurse’s prescriptive authority shall only extend to drugs listed in Schedules II - - V. (c) A collaborative practice agreement shall include, but not be limited to provisions addressing: . . . (2) Methods of management of the collaborative practice, which shall include protocols for prescriptive authority . . . **A.C.A. § 17-87-310 (2006) Prescriptive authority**

SECTION VIII PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY . . . D. PRESCRIBING PRIVILEGES . . . 2. An advanced practice nurse with a certificate of prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe legend drugs, medications or therapeutic devices appropriate to the APN’s area of practice. The prescriptive authority for controlled drugs shall only extend to drugs listed in Schedules III through V. . . **067 00 CARR 001 (2005) State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations**

Physician Assistant:

(a) . . . Physician assistants may perform those duties and responsibilities, including the prescribing, ordering , administering drugs and medical devices, that are delegated by their supervising physicians. . . **A.C.A. § 17-105-107 (2006) Scope of authority- - Delegatory authority - - Agent of supervising physician**

(a) Physicians supervising assistants may delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants to include prescribing, ordering, and administering Schedule III through V controlled substances . . . all legend drugs, and all nonscheduled prescription medications and medical devices. All prescriptions and orders issued by a physician assistant shall also identify his or her supervising physician . . . **A.C.A. § 17-105-108 (2006) Prescriptive authority**

Pharmacist:

(16) (b) . . . the administration of medications shall be limited to the following classifications of medications: immunizations, vaccines . . . (c) The administration of medications shall not include the administration of medications to any person under the age of eighteen (18) . . . (22) (A) “Written protocol” means a physician’s order, standing medical order, standing delegation order, or other order or protocol as defined by regulation of the Arkansas State Medical Board under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act . . . (B) Except for immunizations and vaccines, which may be general protocols, protocols shall be patient or physician or pharmacist-specific for prescriptions or orders given by the physician authorizing the protocol. **A.C.A. § 17-92-101 (2006) Definitions**

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**Table 8: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ARKANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist		X			X	X			
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

09-00-0002 - - PRESCRIPTION ORDERS TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AND/OR IMMUNIZATIONS (a) Medications Administration Advisory Committee: . . . (b) Authority for pharmacists to administer medications/immunizations: (1) An Authority to Administer is a written protocol . . . from a practitioner for administration by a pharmacist of an approved . . . immunization. (2) Pharmacists may provide pharmaceutical care to patients over the age of eighteen (18) by administering . . . immunizations to an eligible patient upon receiving an Authority to Administer or a valid prescription order by a practitioner so authorized to prescribe such . . . immunizations. . . (5) Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Board, a person must possess a Certification for Authority to Administer. Certification for the credential (Authority to Administer Medications/Immunizations) will be issued to pharmacists who: . . . (B) successfully complete a Board approved course of study, examination, and certification of a training program that includes the current guidelines and recommendations of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. . . **070 00 CARR 001 (2005) Board of Pharmacy Regulations**

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**Table 9: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
CALIFORNIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist			X			X		X
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(b) The practice of nursing . . . means . . . the administration of medications and therapeutic agents, necessary to implement a treatment, disease prevention, or rehabilitative regimen or ordered by and within the scope of licensure of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or clinical psychologist . . . (3) The performance of . . . immunization techniques . . . *Cal Bus and Prof Code § 2725 (2005) Legislative intent; Practice of nursing defined*

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**Table 10: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
CALIFORNIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E S	Registered Nurse		X	X			X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant	X		X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Midwife:

(a) [No] provision of law shall be construed to prohibit a certified nurse-midwife from furnishing or ordering drugs or devices, including controlled substances classified in Schedule III, IV, or V . . . when . . . (2) The drugs or devices are furnished or ordered by a certified nurse-midwife in accordance with standardized procedures or protocols. . . . [that] shall specify . . . (4) The furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by a certified nurse-midwife occurs under physician and surgeon supervision. . . . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, (1) a drug order . . . shall be treated in the same manner as a prescription of the supervising physician . . . (3) the signature of a certified nurse-midwife on a drug order issued in accordance with this section shall be deemed to be the signature of a prescriber . . . *Cal Bus & Prof Code § 2746.51 (2005) When nurse-midwife may furnish drugs or devices*

Nurse Practitioner:

[No] provision of law shall be construed to prohibit a nurse practitioner from furnishing or ordering drugs or devices when . . . (a) The drugs or devices are furnished or ordered by a nurse practitioner in accordance with standardized procedures or protocols developed by the nurse practitioner and the supervising physician and surgeon (b) The nurse practitioner is functioning pursuant to standardized procedure . . . or protocol. The standardized procedure or protocol shall be developed and approved by the supervising physician and surgeon, the nurse practitioner, and the facility administrator or the designee. . . . (d) The furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by a nurse practitioner occurs under physician and surgeon supervision. Physician and surgeon supervision shall not be construed to require the physical presence of the physician, but does include (1) collaboration on the development of the standardized procedure, (2) approval of the standardized procedure, and (3) availability by telephonic contact at the time of patient examination by the nurse practitioner. . . (1) a drug order issued pursuant to this section shall be treated in the same manner as a prescription of the supervising physician *Cal Bus & Prof Code § 2836.1 (2005) Furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by nurse practitioners*

Physician Assistant:

In any setting . . . a physician assistant, may, pursuant to a delegation and protocols where present: (a) Take a patient history; perform a physical examination and make an assessment and diagnosis therefrom; initiate, review and revise treatment and therapy plans . . . and record and present pertinent data in a manner meaningful to the physician . . . Because the physician assistant practice is directed by a supervising physician, and a physician assistant acts as an agent for that physician, the orders given and tasks performed by a physician assistant shall be considered the same as if they had been given and performed by the supervising physician. . . . [T]hese orders may be initiated without the prior patient specific order of the supervising physician. In any setting . . . a physician assistant, may, pursuant to a delegation and protocols where present: . . . (h) . . . transmit orally, or in writing on a patient's record, a prescription from his or her supervising physician to a person who may lawfully furnish such medication or medical device. The supervising physician's prescription, transmitted by the physician assistant, for any patient cared for by the physician assistant, shall be based either on a patient-specific order by the supervising physician or on written protocol which specifies all criteria for the use of a specific drug or device and any contraindications for the selection. A physician assistant shall not provide a drug or transmit a prescription for a drug other than that drug specified in the protocol, without a patient-specific order from a supervising physician . . . A physician assistant may not administer, provide, or transmit a prescription for controlled substances in Schedules II through V inclusive without patient-specific authority by a supervising physician . . . *16 CCR 1399.541 (2005) Medical Services Performable*

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**Table 10: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
CALIFORNIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X			X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

(a) . . . [W]hile under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or physicians and surgeons authorized by law to supervise a physician assistant, a physician assistant may administer or provide medication to a patient, transmit orally, or in writing on a patient's record or in a drug order, an order to a person who may lawfully furnish the medication or medical device . . . (1) A supervising physician and surgeon who delegates authority to issue a drug order to a physician assistant may limit his authority by specifying the manner in which the physician assistant may issue delegated prescriptions. (2) Each supervising physician and surgeon who delegates the authority to issue a drug order to a physician assistant shall first prepare and adopt, or adopt, a written, practice specific, formulary and protocols that specify all criteria for the use of a particular drug or device, and any contraindications for the selection. The drugs listed shall constitute the formulary and shall include only drugs that are appropriate for use in the type of practice engaged in by the supervising physician or surgeon. When issuing an order, the physician assistant is acting on behalf of and as an agent for a supervising physician and surgeon. . . . (c) A drug order for any patient cared for by the physician assistant that is issued by the physician assistant shall either be based on the protocols described in subdivision (a) or shall be approved by the supervising physician before it is filled or carried out. (1) A physician assistant shall not administer or provide a drug or issue a drug order for a drug other than . . . a drug listed in the formulary without advance approval from a supervising physician and surgeon for the particular patient. . . *Cal Bus & Prof Code § 3502.1 (2005) Administration of medication or transmittal or drug orders by physician assistant. Cal Bus & Prof Code § 3502.1 (2005) Administration of medication or transmittal or drug orders by physician assistant*

Because the physician assistant practice is directed by a supervising physician, and a physician assistant acts as an agent for that physician, the orders given and tasks performed by a physician assistant shall be considered the same as if they had been given and performed by the supervising physician. Unless otherwise specified in these regulations or in the delegation or protocols, these orders may be initiated without the prior patient specific order of the supervising physician. In any setting . . . a physician assistant, may, pursuant to a delegation and protocols where present: . . . (h) Administer medication to a patient . . . *16 CCR 1399.541 (2005) Medical Services Performable*

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**Table 11: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
COLORADO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Colorado does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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**Table 12: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
COLORADO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant			X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Advanced Practice:

(1) An advanced practice nurse . . . may be authorized . . . to prescribe controlled substances or prescription drugs . . . (3) (a) An advanced practice nurse may be granted authority to prescribe prescription drugs to provide treatment for persons requiring routine health maintenance or routine preventive care. . . (c) (1) Prescriptive authority by an advanced practice nurse shall be limited to those patients appropriate to such nurse's scope of practice. . . *C.R.S. 12-38-111.6 (2005) Prescriptive authority – advance practice nurses*

(1) A physician . . . may enter into a collaborative agreement for the purposes of prescriptive authority by advanced practice nurses . . . (2) A collaborative agreement shall include but shall not be limited to: (a) An acknowledgment that both the physician and the advanced practice nurse are responsible for the generally accepted standards of care; (b) A declaration that the intent of the collaborative agreement is an integrated system of care; (c) The duties and responsibilities of each party to the collaborative agreement; (d) An agreement between the parties as to the scope of prescriptive authority as it relates to the patient criteria . . . and the active practice of the collaborating physician; and (e) (I) Definitions of and provisions for consultation, referral, and quality assurance. . . (3) A collaborative agreement shall be periodically reviewed by the parties to assure continued compliance with this section and section 12-38-111.6. *C.R.S. 12-36-106.3 (2005) Collaborative agreements with advanced practice nurses*

Physician Assistant:

SECTION 3. PRESCRIPTION AND DISPENSING OF DRUGS. A. A physician assistant may issue a prescription order for any drug or controlled substance. . . 3. Nothing in this Section 3 shall prohibit a physician supervisor from restricting the ability of a supervised physician assistant to prescribe drugs or controlled substances. . . *3 CCR 713-7 (2005) RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF AND PRACTICE BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (PAs)*

Pharmacist:

19.00.00 ADMINISTRATION. 19.01.00 Immunizations. 19.01.10 Qualifications. a. A pharmacist, or pharmacy intern under the supervision of a pharmacist certified in immunization, may administer vaccines per authorization of a physician. . . Routine childhood immunizations, as defined by the Colorado State Board of Health, shall comply with CDC guidelines. . . 19.01.20 A trained pharmacist may delegate the administration of vaccines only to a trained pharmacy intern. 19.01.30 Policies and Procedures a. . . The prescription drug outlet must obtain a physician protocol for addressing allergic reactions to immunizations. c. The prescription drug outlet must give the appropriate "Vaccine Information Statement" (VIS) to the patient or legal representative with each dose of vaccine covered by these forms. The pharmacist must ensure that the patient or legal representative has received and signed the informed consent form and has had their questions answered prior to the administration of the vaccine. d. The prescription drug outlet must report adverse events as required by the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) and to the primary care provider as identified by the patient. . . *3 CCR 719-1 (2005) PHARMACY RULES AND REGULATIONS*

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**Table 13: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
CONNECTICUT**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Connecticut does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 14: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
CONNECTICUT**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X			X		
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X		X
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
Vocational			X			X		X	
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(a) The practice of nursing by a registered nurse is defined as the process of diagnosing human responses to actual or potential health problems . . . health counseling and teaching, case finding and referral, collaborating in the implementation of the total health care regimen, and executing the medical regimen under the direction of a licensed physician, dentist or advanced practice registered nurse. (b) . . . The advanced practice registered nurse performs acts of diagnosis . . . and shall collaborate with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state. . . *Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-87a (2004) Definitions. Scope of practice*

Advanced Practice:

If practicing in [any setting] . . . the advanced practice registered nurse may, in collaboration with a physician . . . prescribe . . . medical therapeutics and corrective measures. *Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-87a Definitions. Scope of practice*

If practicing in [any setting] . . . the advanced practice registered nurse may, in collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state . . . dispense, and administer medical therapeutics and corrective measures. *Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-87a (2004) Definitions. Scope of practice.*

Physician Assistant:

A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, (A) prescribe . . . drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV or V in all settings . . . (C) prescribe . . . controlled substances in schedule II or III to an inpatient in a short-term hospital, chronic disease hospital, emergency room satellite of a general hospital, or, after an admission evaluation by a physician, in a chronic and convalescent nursing home . . . provided in all cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision the physician assistant is prescribing shall cosign the order not later than twenty-four hours thereafter. . . Delegated functions shall be implemented in accordance with written protocols established by the supervising physician. . . A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, (A) . . . administer drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV or V in all settings, . . . (C) . . . administer controlled substances in schedule II or III to an inpatient in a short-term hospital, chronic disease hospital, emergency room satellite of a general hospital, or, after an admission evaluation by a physician, in a chronic and convalescent nursing home . . . provided in all cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision the physician assistant is prescribing shall cosign the order not later than twenty-four hours thereafter. *Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-12d (2004) Medical functions performed by physician assistants. Prescriptive authority*

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**Table 15: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
DELAWARE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X			X			X	
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner			X					X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X			X		
	RN Supervisor			X					X
	Vocational			X					X
	Pharmacist			X					X
	Physician Assistant			X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Practical Nurse:

(m) "The practice of practical nursing" . . . means . . . services . . . at the direction of a registered nurse or a person licensed to practice medicine, surgery or dentistry, include: (1) Observation; (2) Assessment . . . (5) The administration of medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist or advanced practice nurse; **24 Del. C. § 1902 (2005) Definitions**

Registered Nurse:

(5) . . . (n) . . . registered nurse . . . activities . . . are: (1) Assessing human responses to actual or potential health conditions; (2) Identifying the needs of the individual and/or family by developing a nursing diagnosis . . . (6) Executing regimens, as prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist or advanced practice nurse, including the dispensing and/or administration of medications and treatments. **24 Del. C. § 1902 (2005) Definitions**

Advanced Practice:

8.6 Standards for the Advanced Practice Nurse. . .8.6.2.1 Performs comprehensive assessments . . . 8.7 Generic Functions of the Advanced Practice Nurse Within the Specialized Scope of Practice include but are not limited to: 8.7.1 Eliciting detailed health history(s) . . . 8.7.15 Prescribing medications and treatments independently pursuant to Rules and Regulations . . . 8.18 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY 8.18.1 APNs may prescribe, administer, and dispense legend medications including Schedule II - V controlled substances . . . parenteral medications, medical therapeutics, devices and diagnostics. . . 8.18.5 APNs may give verbal prescription orders. . . **CDR 10-518-001 (2004)**

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27.4 Prescriptive Authority 27.4.1 APNs may prescribe legend medications including Schedule II - V controlled substances . . . parenteral medications, medical therapeutics, devices and diagnostics. . . **CDR 24-1700 (2004) BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE; RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 16: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
DELAWARE**

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL	ASSESSMENT			PRESCRIPTION			ADMINISTRATION		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational			X			X			X
Pharmacist	X					X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(b) . . . [T]he scope of practice of physician assistants include[s]: (2) Delegated medical acts provided by physician assistants to include, but not be limited to: a. The performance of complete patient histories . . . c. The relaying, transcribing, or executing of specific diagnostic or therapeutic orders, so long as all such notes, orders, and other writings are reviewed and countersigned by the supervising physician within 72 hours, barring extraordinary events or circumstances . . . d. Delegated medical acts of diagnosis and prescription of therapeutic drugs and treatments within the scope of physician assistant practice *24 Del. C. § 1773 (2005) Regulation of physician assistants*

(h) Prescription and nonprescription medications may be initiated by standing orders if these standing orders have been approved by the supervising physician. . . *24 Del. C. § 1771 (2005) Physician's duties in supervision of a physician assistant*

(b) A physician assistant may not . . . prescribe or dispense. . . legend drugs or therapeutics. . . independent of the supervision of a physician who is certified to practice medicine. . . *24 Del. C. § 1772 (2005) Prohibited acts by a physician assistant*

25.0 Physician's Assistant . . . 25.3 Prescriptive Authority 25.3.1 Prescriptive authority for the therapeutic drugs and treatments will include the following: 25.3.1.1 Prescriptive authority is a delegated medical service by the supervising physician. 25.3.1.2 Prescriptive authority will be practice specific of the supervising physician. 25.3.1.3 PAs may prescribe legend medication including Schedule II-V controlled substances . . . parenteral medications, medical therapeutics, devices and diagnostics. . . *CDR 24-1700 (2004) BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE; RULES AND REGULATIONS*

Pharmacist:

(9) A pharmacist may administer injectable medications, biologicals and adult immunizations pursuant to a valid prescription or physician-approved protocol. The scope of the protocol or valid prescription must be limited to that physician's patient population. A Pharmacy Regulatory Council of the Board of Medical Practice shall establish requirements and regulations that pharmacists must meet in order to administer injectable adult immunizations, biologicals and medications. Those regulations shall include a list of those classes of and the indications for the biologicals, medications and adult immunizations that are appropriate to be administered by pharmacists who have been so authorized. . . *24 Del. C. § 2502 (2005) Definitions as used in this chapter*

14.2 Practice Requirements . . . 14.2.3 The pharmacist, before administering an injectable medication, biological, or immunization, must counsel the patient and/or the patient's representative about contraindications and inform them in writing in specific and readily understood terms about the risks and benefits. A signed copy of the patient's consent shall be filed and available for inspection by the Board of Pharmacy. . . *CDR 24-2500 (2004) BOARD OF PHARMACY; RULES AND REGULATIONS*

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**Table 17: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse	X					X	X	
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X			X				X
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational			X			X		X
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

5414.1 The practice of registered nursing means . . . (a) The observation, comprehensive assessment, evaluation and recording of physiological and behavioral signs and symptoms of health, disease, and injury, including the performance of examinations and testing and their evaluation for the purpose of identifying the needs of the client and family . (b) The development of a comprehensive nursing plan that . . . prescribes and implements nursing interventions of a therapeutic, preventive, and restorative nature in response to an assessment of the client's requirements . . . **CDCR 17-5414 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Nurse Practitioner:

5909.1 A nurse-practitioner shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances . . . **CDCR 17-5909 (2005) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

Midwife:

5809.1 A certified nurse-midwife shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances . . . **CDCR 17-5809 (2005) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

5808.1 In addition to the general function[s] . . . the nurse-midwife may perform any of the acts listed below, including: . . . (h) Prescribe appropriate medications . . . **CDCR 17-5808 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

6009.1 A clinical nurse specialist shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances. . . **CDCR 17-6009 (2005) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

Practical Nurse:

5512.2 The functions of a practical nurse shall include, but not be limited to, the following . . . (a) Assessing vital functions and patient status . . . (b) Administering medication. **CDCR 17-5512 (2005)**

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 18: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X							X
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner			X					X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X					X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
Vocational			X					X	
Pharmacist			X					X	
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Advanced Practice:

(a) The advanced practice registered nurse may perform actions of medical diagnosis . . . prescription . . . *D.C. Code § 3-1206.01 (2006) General authorization [Formerly § 2-3306.1]*

(a) Generally, advanced practice registered nurses shall carry out acts of advanced registered nursing in collaboration with a licensed health care provider. . . *D.C. Code § 3-1206.03 (2006) Collaboration [Formerly § 2-3306.3]*

(2) . . . The advanced practice registered nurse may perform actions of nursing diagnosis . . . prescription. *D.C. Code § 3-1201.02 (2006) Definitions of health occupations [Formerly § 2-3301.2]*

An advanced practice registered nurse may: (1) Initiate, monitor, and alter drug therapies; (2) Initiate appropriate therapies or treatments *D.C. Code § 3-1206.04 (2006) Authorized acts [Formerly § 2-3306.4]*

Physician Assistant:

4911.2 . . . [A] physician assistant in collaboration with a licensed physician shall perform health care tasks . . . (b) The health care tasks are undertaken in immediate collaboration . . . with a supervising physician. . . and may include the following: (a) Screening patients to determine the need for medical attention; (b) Taking a patient history; (c) Performing a physical examination . . . (12) Administration of injections, medications, immunizations, and intravenous fluids . . . *CDCR 17-4911 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE*

(13) "Practice by physician assistants" means the performance, in collaboration with a licensed physician or osteopath, of acts of medical diagnosis . . . prescription . . . treatment. . . preventive health care, and other functions which are authorized by the Board of Medicine . . . *D.C. Code § 3-1201.02 (2006) Definitions of health occupations [Formerly § 2-3301.2]*

4912.1 All prescription orders issued by a physician assistant shall be written on a prescription pad that bears the printed names of the physician assistant and the supervising physician. A physician assistant may sign the prescription order. . . 4912.4 A physician assistant shall not dispense a drug from any source other than a supervising physician or a pharmacist acting on a written order of a supervising physician. . . 4912.6 A physician assistant shall not dispense . . . prescribe controlled substances, except that a physician assistant may advise a patient of the availability of over-the-counter drugs . . . in Schedule V. *CDCR 17-4912 (2005) PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING DRUGS*

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**Table 19: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
FLORIDA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(3) (a) "Practice of professional nursing" means the performance of those acts . . . which shall include, but not be limited to: 1. The observation, assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, intervention, and evaluation of care . . . and the promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of illness of others. . . (d) "Nursing diagnosis" means the observation and evaluation of physical or mental conditions, behaviors, signs and symptoms of illness, and reactions to treatment and the determination as to whether such conditions, signs, symptoms, and reacts represent a deviation from normal. 2. The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed or authorized by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe such medications and treatments . . . *Fla. Stat. § 464.003 (2005)*

Definitions

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**Table 20: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
FLORIDA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(d) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed physician assistant, pursuant to a written protocol, the authority to act . . . Such delegated authority is limited to the supervising physician’s practice in connection with a county health department The boards shall adopt rules governing the supervision of physician assistants by physicians in county health departments. (e) A supervisory physician may delegate to a fully licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe any medication used in the supervisory physician’s practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary created pursuant to paragraph (f). . . *Fla. Stat. § 458.347 (2005) Physician assistants*

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**Table 21: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
GEORGIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacists		X			X			X
	Physician Assistants		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Georgia does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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**Table 22: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
GEORGIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
S E S	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurses may telephone prescription orders into a pharmacy after receiving an order from a practitioner of the healing arts. *Opinion 79-32, 1979 Op. Atty Gen. Ga. 66*

(6) Practice nursing” or “practice of nursing” . . . include, but is not limited to, provision of nursing care . . . the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician practicing medicine. (8) “Practice nursing as a registered professional nurse” means to practice nursing by performing for compensation any of the following . . . (I) Administering, ordering, and dispensing medications . . . authorized by protocol, when such acts are authorized by other general laws and such acts are in conformity with those laws; (J) Administering medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician practicing medicine in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 34 of this title. *§ 43-26-3.*

Definitions

A licensed nurse may administer medication as prescribed by a physician when a patient presents with symptoms that match a checklist of symptoms. It is not necessary that the physician be in the immediate presence of the patient and the nurse when medication is administered. *Opinion 79-2, 1979 Op. Atty Gen. Ga. 5*

Physician Assistant:

(3) “Carry out a prescription drug or device order” means to complete, on a form established and approved by the board, a written prescription drug order or a prescription device order pursuant to the authority delegated by a supervision physician. *§ 43-34-102.*

Definitions

(e.1)(1) . . . a physician’s assistant shall be allowed to carry out a prescription drug order or orders for any device as defined in . . . any dangerous drug as defined in . . . or any Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance as defined in . . . on a prescription drug order or prescription device order form . . . pursuant to the authority delegated by the supervising physician of that physician’s assistant. Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by this Code section. *§ 43-34-103. Application for assistant; number of assistants; new job descriptions; scope of duties; employment by non-practicing physicians; delegated authority*

(2) A Physician’s Assistant may be authorized to carry out a prescription drug order or orders for any device. . . . (a) A Physician’s Assistant may be authorized to carry out a prescription drug order or orders for any device included in the formulary approved by the Board. (b) The Formulary approved by the Board shall include any dangerous drug . . . or any Schedule III, IV or V controlled substances. *Ga. Comp R & Regs R 360-5-.12 (2005) 360-5.12 Carrying Out a Prescription Drug or Device Order*

Physician’s assistants may prescribe Schedule III, IV, and V controlled substances when acting under the proper delegation of a physician. The authority must be contained in the physician’s assistant’s job description. *Opinion 00-10, 2000 Op. Atty Gen. Ga. 10*

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**Table 23: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
HAWAII**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X		
	RN Supervisor		X				X		X
	Vocational		X			X		X	
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant	X				X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Practical and Registered Nurse:

"The practice of nursing as a registered nurse" means the performance of professional services whereby the individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may include, but not be limited to, observation, assessment, utilization of reasonable judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed medical doctor . . . or the orders of an advanced practice registered nurse recognized in accordance with this chapter . . ."The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" means . . . administration of treatment and medication as prescribed. *HRS § 457-2 (2005) Definitions*

Advanced Practice:

Only an advanced practice registered nurse granted prescriptive authority by the department shall be able to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority. *WCHR 16-89C-2 (2004) Prescriptive authority*

"Prescribed medical orders" means requisitions for resources to be allocated in particular ways for specific patients, which includes prescription drug orders, signed by the delegating physician under physician's orders, standing medical orders, standing delegation orders, or other orders or protocols. . . . "Prescriptive authority" means the authority granted by the department to a recognized APRN to verbally, or in writing, direct, order, or designate the preparation of, use of, or manner of using, a drug within the recognized APRN's scope of practice in a collegial working relationship . . . with a physician and an exclusionary formulary. *WCHR 16-89C (2004) ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY*

Physician Assistant:

(b) Medical services rendered by the physician assistants may include, but are not limited to: (1) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations. *WCHR 16-85 (2004) MEDICAL EXAMINERS*

Pharmacist:

"Practice of pharmacy" means: (E) Administering immunizations orally, by injection, or by intranasal delivery, to persons eighteen years of age or older, by a pharmacist having appropriate training that includes programs approved by the ACPE, curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs, or programs recognized by the board of pharmacy. *HRS § 461-1 (2005) Definitions.*

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**Table 24: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
HAWAII**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(a) The supervising physician shall: . . . (8) Be authorized to allow the physician assistant to prescribe . . . medications and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician and subject to the following requirements: (A) Prescribing . . . medications may include Schedule III through V and all legend medications. No physician assistant may prescribe Schedule II medications . . . (D) A physician assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital or extended care facility may, if allowed under the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the hospital or extended care facility, write orders for medications Schedule II through V, for inpatients under the care of the supervising physician; **WCHR § 16-85-49 (2004) Degree of supervision.**

§ 16-85-49 Degree of supervision. (a) The supervising physician shall . . . (8) Be authorized to allow the physician assistant to . . . dispense, and administer medications and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician and subject to the following requirements: (A) . . . dispensing of medications may include Schedule III through V and all legend medications. . . . **WCHR § 16-85-40 (2004) Degree of Supervision**

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**Table 25: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
IDAHO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X			X			X	
	Midwife			X	X			X	
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X			X	
	Practical Nurse			X			X		X
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X		X
	Registered Nurse	X			X			X	
	RN Supervisor			X			X		
	Vocational			X			X		
	Pharmacist			X			X		
Physician Assistant			X			X			

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

Licensed professional nurses, also referred to as registered nurses or as “RNs,” are expected to exercise competency in . . . administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by legally authorized persons. . . .02. Functions. . . . The licensed professional nurse. . . . a. Assesses the health status of individuals and groups; and . . . d. Develops and documents a plan for nursing intervention based on assessment, analysis of data, identified nursing diagnoses and patient outcomes . . . ii. . . v. Implementing orders for medications and treatments issued by an authorized prescriber **IDAPA 23.01.01.401 (2005) LICENSED PROFESSIONAL NURSE (RN OR REGISTERED NURSE)**

02. Administration of Medications. The process whereby a prescribed medication is given to a patient by one (1) of several routes. . . . Licensed nurses may administer medications and treatments as prescribed by health care providers authorized by health care providers authorized to prescribe medications. . . . **IDAPA 23.01.01.010 (2005) DEFINITIONS**

04. Clinical Nurse Specialist. . . The clinical nurse specialist provides direct client care, which may include assessing, diagnosing, planning, health promotion and preventive care . . . **IDAPA 23.01.01.280 (2005) STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL NURSING**

Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner:

(b) “Clinical nurse specialist” means a licensed professional nurse . . . The clinical nurse specialist provides direct client care, which may include assessing, diagnosing, planning . . .prescribing pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapeutic and corrective measures, health promotion and preventive care . . . (c) “Nurse practitioner” means a licensed professional nurse . . . Nurse practitioners . . . may perform comprehensive health assessments, diagnosis, health promotion . . . the prescribing of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments as defined by rules of the board. **Idaho Code § 54-1402 (2006) Definitions**

Advanced Practice, Nurse Practitioner

02. Core Standards for All Categories of Advanced Practice Professional Nursing . . . e. The advanced practice professional nurse shall assess clients, identify problems or conditions, establish diagnoses, develop and implement treatment plans and evaluate patient outcomes. . . . 05. . . The scope of practice of an authorized nurse practitioner may include the prescribing and dispensing of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic agents. Effective Date: (4-6-05) . . . **IDAPA 23.01.01.280 (2005) STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL NURSING**

(1) “Advanced practice professional nurse” means a professional nurse . . . authorized to perform advanced nursing practice, which may include the prescribing, administering and dispensing of therapeutic pharmacologic agents, as defined by board rules. . . Advanced practice professional nurses shall include certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, and registered nurse anesthetists. . . **Idaho Code § 54-1402 (2006) Definitions**

Pharmacist:

“Practice of pharmacy” means . . . drug administration . . . **Idaho Code § 54-1704 (2006) Practice of pharmacy**

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**Table 26: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
IDAHO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

01. Scope. The scope of practice of physician assistants and graduate physician assistants . . . b. The scope of practice may include prescribing, administering, and dispensing medical devices and drugs . . . while working under the supervision of a licensed medical physician. . . *IDAPA 22.01.03.028 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE*

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 27: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
ILLINOIS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
Registered Nurse	X					X	X		
RN Supervisor						X		X	
Vocational						X		X	
Pharmacist						X		X	
Physician Assistant						X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Registered Nurse:
 Sec. 5-10. . . . A registered professional nurse provides nursing care . . . that includes but is not limited to: (1) the assessment of healthcare needs, nursing diagnosis, planning, implementation, and nursing evaluation; (2) the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health; . . . (4) the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine . . . a licensed dentist, a licensed podiatrist, or a licensed optometrist or as prescribed by a physician assistant in accordance with written guidelines required under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 . . . or by an advanced practice nurse in accordance with a written collaborative agreement required under the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act *225 ILCS 65/5-10 (2005) (For postponed repeal of this Act, see notes under 225 ILCS 65/5-1) Definitions*

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**Table 28: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
ILLINOIS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X			X			X	
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner			X					X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X					X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
Vocational			X					X	
Pharmacist			X					X	
Physician Assistant			X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Advanced Practice:

“Advanced practice nurse” or “APN” means a person who: . . . has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician . . . cares for patients . . . by using advanced diagnostic skills . . . prescribing medications and drugs by . . . administering medications and drugs. **68 Ill. Adm. Code 1305.10 (2006) Definitions**

Sec. 15-20. (a) A collaborating physician may, but is not required to, delegate limited prescriptive authority to an advanced practice nurse as part of a written collaborative agreement. This authority may, but is not required to, include prescription and dispensing of legend drugs and legend controlled substances categorized as Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances . . . (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a licensed practical nurse, a registered professional nurse, or other personnel. **225 ILCS 65/15-20 (2005) (For postponed repeal of this Act, see notes under 225 ILCS 65/5-1) Prescriptive authority**

Physician Assistant:

Sec. 7.5. A supervising physician may delegate limited prescriptive authority to a physician assistant. This authority may, but is not required to, include prescription and dispensing of legend drugs and legend controlled substances categorized as Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances . . . as delegated in the written guidelines . . . **225 ILCS 95/7.5 (2005) (For postponed repeal of this Act, see notes under 225 ILCS 95/1) Prescriptions**

a) A supervising physician may delegate limited prescriptive authority to a physician assistant. This authority may, but is not required to, include prescription and dispensing of legend drugs and legend controlled substances categorized as Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances . . . c) A physician assistant may only prescribe or dispense prescriptions or orders for drugs and medical supplies within the scope of practice of the supervising physician or alternate supervising physician. . . **68 Ill. Adm. Code 1350.55 (2006) Prescriptive Authority**

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**Table 29: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
INDIANA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurse:

Registered Nurse:

(b) . . . “registered nursing” means performance of services which include but are not limited to: (1) assessing health conditions; (2) deriving a nursing diagnosis . . . (c) . . . “assessing health conditions” means the collection of data through means such as interviews, observations, and inspection . . . *Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 25-23-1-1.1 (2005) Additional definitions*

Nurse Practitioner:

Sec. 1. A nurse practitioner shall perform as an independent and interdependent member of the health team . . . [s]tandards for each nurse practitioner: (1) Assess clients by using advanced knowledge and skills to: . . . (B) diagnose health problems; (C) develop and implement nursing treatment plans . . . (9) Conduct an assessment of clients and families which may include health history, family history, physical examination, and evaluation of health risk factors. . . *848 IAC 4-2-1 (2005) Competent practice of nurse practitioners*

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**Table 30: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
INDIANA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X	X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Advanced Practice:
 (a) The board shall establish a program under which advanced practice nurses who meet the requirements established by the board are authorized to prescribe legend drugs, including controlled substances . . . *Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 25-23-1-19.5 (2005) Establishment of program under which advanced practice nurses may be authorized to prescribe legend drugs - - Requirements*

(b) An advanced practice nurse shall operate in collaboration with a licensed practitioner as evidenced by a practice agreement, or by privileges granted by . . . a hospital . . . with the advice of the medical staff of the hospital that sets forth the manner in which an advanced practice nurse and a licensed practitioner will cooperate, coordinate, and consult with each other in the provision of health care . . . *Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 25-23-1-19.4 (2005) Advanced practice nurse to operate in collaboration with licensed practitioner*

Sec. 1. (a) An advanced practice nurse may be authorized to prescribe legend drugs, including controlled substances . . . *848 IAC 5-1-1 (2005) Initial authority to prescribe legend drugs*

Physician Assistant:
 (a) The board may adopt rules . . . to determine the appropriate use of prescription drugs by a physician assistant. (b) As permitted by the board, a physician assistant may use or dispense only drugs prescribed or approved by the supervising physician. (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a physician assistant may not dispense a scheduled substance listed under IC 35-48-2. *Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 25-27.5-5-4 (2005) Board may adopt rules regarding use of prescription drugs*

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**Table 31: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
IOWA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist			X			X		X
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

6. The “*practice of the profession of a registered nurse*” means . . . all of the following: a. Formulate nursing diagnosis and conduct nursing treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems through services, such as case finding, referral, health teaching, health counseling, and care provision which is supportive to . . . life and well-being. ***Iowa Code § 152.1 (2004) Definitions.***

6.2(2) . . . The nursing process is ongoing and includes: a. Nursing assessments about the health status of an individual or group. B. Formulation of a nursing diagnosis based on analysis of the data from the nursing assessment. C. Planning of nursing care which includes determining goals and priorities for actions which are based on the nursing diagnosis. D. Nursing interventions implementing the plan of care. ***655 IAC 6.2(152) (2005) Minimum standards of nursing practice for registered nurses***

6.3(3) . . . B. The initiation of intravenous solutions, intravenous medications and blood components. . . When the registered nurse delegates the administration of the intravenous medications . . . there must be a written facility policy that defines the practice. ***655 IAC 6.3(152) (2005) Minimum standards of practice for licensed practical nurses***

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 32: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
IOWA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Practical Nurse:

6.3(3) . . . B. The initiation of intravenous solutions, intravenous medications and blood components. . . When the registered nurse delegates the administration of the intravenous medications set out in this paragraph, there must be a written facility policy that defines the practice and written verification of the competency of the licensed practical nurse in accordance with the facility’s written policy. **655 IAC 6.3(152 (2005)) Minimum standards of practice for licensed practical nurses**

Pharmacist:

A physician may prescribe via written protocol adult immunizations for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines for administration by an authorized pharmacist if the physician meets these requirements for supervising the pharmacist. 8.33(1) Definitions. A. “Authorized pharmacist” means an Iowa-licensed pharmacist who has documented that the pharmacist has successfully completed an educational program meeting the training standards on vaccine administration as provided by an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) approved provider of continuing pharmaceutical education that: (1) Requires documentation by the pharmacist of current certification in the American Heart Association or the Red Cross Basic Cardiac Life Support Protocol for health care providers; (2) Is an evidence-based course that includes study material and hands-on training and techniques for administering vaccines, requires testing with a passing score, complies with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and provides instruction and experiential training in the following content areas: 1. Standards for immunization practices; 2. Basic immunology and vaccine protection; 3. Vaccine-preventable diseases; 4. Recommended immunization schedules; 5. Vaccine storage and management; 6. Informed consent; 7. Physiology and techniques for vaccine administration; 8. Pre- and post-vaccine assessment and counseling; 9. Immunization record management; and 10. Management of adverse events, including identification, appropriate response, documentation, and reporting. B. “Vaccine” means a specially prepared antigen which, upon administration to a person, will result in immunity and, specifically for the purposes of this rule, shall mean influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. c. “Written protocol” means a physician’s order for one or more patients that contains, at a minimum, the following: (1) A statement identifying the individual physician authorized to prescribe drugs and responsible for the delegation of administration of adult immunizations for influenza and pneumococcus; . . . (3) A statement that forbids an authorized pharmacist from delegating the administration of adult immunizations to anyone other than another authorized pharmacist, a registered pharmacist-intern under the direct personal supervision of the authorized pharmacist, or a registered nurse; (4) A statement identifying the vaccines that may be administered by an authorized pharmacist, the dosages, and the route of administration; (5) A statement identifying the activities an authorized pharmacist shall follow in the course of administering adult immunizations, including: 1. Procedures for determining if a patient is eligible to receive the vaccine . . . **653 IAC 13.3 (147) (2005) Supervision of pharmacists who administer adult immunizations**

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 33: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
KANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X				X			X
	Midwife			X		X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse					X			X
	Prescriptive Practice					X			X
	Registered Nurse					X			X
	RN Supervisor					X			X
Vocational					X			X	
Pharmacist						X			X
Physician Assistant						X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Advanced Practice, Nurse Practitioner:

Advanced registered nurse practitioners function in the expanded role of nurse clinician or nurse practitioner, at a specialized level, through the application of advance knowledge and skills. Each nurse clinician or nurse practitioner shall be authorized to: . . . (b) evaluate the physical . . . health status of the client through a comprehensive health history and physician examination . . . (c) assess normal and abnormal findings from the history, physical examination and laboratory reports . . . *K.A.R. § 60-11-104 (2006) Function of the advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse clinician or nurse practitioner*

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders – Fall 2006

**Table 34: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
KANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E S	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant		X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(d) Practice of nursing. (1) The practice of professional nursing as performed by a registered professional nurse . . . means . . . the execution of the medical regimen as prescribed by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to practice dentistry . . .
K.S.A. § 65-1113 (2005) Definitions

Nurse Practitioner:

(d) An advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe drugs pursuant to a written protocol as authorized by a responsible physician. Each written protocol shall contain a precise and detailed medical plan of care for each classification of disease or injury for which the advanced registered nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe and shall specify all drugs which may be prescribed by the advanced registered nurse practitioner. . . .
K.S.A. § 65-1130 (2005) Advanced registered nurse practitioner; standards and requirements for obtaining certificate of qualification; rules and regulations; categories, education, qualifications and role; limitations and restrictions; prescription of drugs authorized

Advanced registered nurse practitioners . . . shall be authorized to . . . (f) manage the medical plan of care prescribed for the client, based on protocols or guidelines adopted jointly by the nurse practitioner and the attending physician . . .
K.A.R. § 60-11-104 (2006) Function of the advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse clinician or nurse practitioner

(d) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner from . . . administering a drug if acting under the lawful direction of a person licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or dentistry, or certified as an advanced registered nurse practitioner . . .
K.A.R. § 60-11-104a (2006) Protocol requirements; prescription orders

Physician Assistant:

(a) A physician assistant may prescribe a prescription-only drug . . . as authorized by the drug prescription protocol required. *K.A.R. § 100-28a-13 (2006) Prescription-only drugs*

(b) . . . A physician assistant may prescribe drugs pursuant to a written protocol as authorized by the responsible physician. . . (d) . . . In all cases in which a physician assistant is authorized to prescribe drugs by a responsible physician, a written protocol between the responsible physician and the physician assistant containing the essential terms of such authorization shall be in effect . . .
K.S.A. § 65-28a08 (2005) Practice of physician assistant; direction and supervision of physician; prescription of drugs; identification to patient of physician assistant; rules and regulations; “drug” defined

Physicians’ assistants, however, are expressly authorized to practice medicine under the direction and supervision of a physician. Since the practice of medicine includes the act of prescribing medicine, we conclude that physicians’ assistants may issue prescription orders under the direction and supervision of a physician. . . .
Attorney General Opinion No. 86-125 1986 Kan. AG LEXIS 53 August 27, 1986

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**Table 34: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
KANSAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X		X	
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant		X	X			X		

(a) A physician assistant may . . . administer or supply a prescription-only drug as authorized by the drug prescription protocol required . . . and as authorized by this regulation . . . (c) A physician assistant may directly administer a prescription drug as follows: (1) If directly ordered or authorized by the responsible or designated physician; (2) if authorized by a written drug prescription protocol between the responsible physician and the physician assistant; or (3) if an emergency situation exists. . . ***K.A.R. § 100-28a-13 (2006) Prescription-only drugs***

Pharmacist:

(jj) “Vaccination protocol” means a written protocol, agreed to by a pharmacist and a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery . . . which establishes procedures and recordkeeping and reporting requirements for administering a vaccine by the pharmacist for a period of time specified therein, not to exceed two years. . . ***K.S.A. § 65-1626 (2005 Definitions)***

(a) A pharmacist may administer vaccine to a person 18 years of age or older pursuant to a vaccination protocol if the pharmacist has successfully completed a course of study and training, approved by the American council on pharmaceutical education or the board, in vaccination storage, protocols, injection technique, emergency procedures and record keeping. A pharmacist who successfully completes such a course of study and training shall maintain proof of completion and, upon request, provide a copy of such proof to the board. . . (c) A pharmacist may not delegate to any person the authority granted under this act to administer a vaccine. ***K.S.A. § 65-1635a (2005) Administration of vaccine; education and reporting requirements; delegation of authority prohibited***

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**Table 35: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
KENTUCKY**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered and Practical Nurse:

(6) “Registered nursing practice” means . . . (c) The administration of medication and treatment as prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, dentist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner. . . (9) “Licensed practical nurse” means . . . (c)The administration of medication or treatment as authorized by a physician, physician assistant, dentist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner. **KRS § 314.011 (2005)**

Definitions for KRS 314.011 to 314.161 and KRS 314.991

Advanced Practice and Nurse Practitioner:

(8) “Advanced registered nursing practice” . . . shall . . . include but not be limited to prescribing treatment, drugs . . . Advanced registered nurse practitioners . . . shall be authorized to issue prescriptions for and dispense nonscheduled legend drugs. **KRS § 314.011 (2005)**

Definitions for KRS 314.011 to 314.161 and KRS 314.991

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**Table 36: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
KENTUCKY**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(4) A physician assistant may prescribe . . . administer all non scheduled legend drugs and medical devices as delegated by the supervising physician. . . *KRS § 311.858. (2005) Services and procedures that may be performed by physician assistant - Restrictions*

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**Table 37: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
LOUISIANA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X							X
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner			X					X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X			X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
Vocational			X			X			
Pharmacist			X			X			
Physician Assistant			X			X			

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist or Authorized Prescriber –carrying out the medical orders of a physician, dentist, or authorized prescriber licensed in Louisiana. 1. Registered nurses may, based on their individual judgment of each situation, accept verbal orders initiated by an authorized prescriber and transmitted through a licensed or certified health care practitioner, provided the order is related to the said practitioner’s scope of practice. 2. Registered nurses may execute standing orders of an authorized prescriber provided the said prescriber initiates the standing orders and provided, further, that the said orders do not require the nurse to make a medical diagnosis or to engage in prescriptive activity. 3. Registered nurses employed in the public school system are authorized to execute health care regimens prescribed by physicians licensed in adjacent states . . . *LAC 46:XLVII.3703 Definition of Terms Applying to Nursing Practice*

Advanced Practice:

As used in this Part: . . . (3) (a) . . . “ Advanced practice registered nursing includes: . . . (i) Assessing patients, analyzing and synthesizing data, and knowledge of and applying nursing principles at an advanced level. . . *La. R.S. 37:913 (2005) Definitions*

B. . . 2. an APRN shall assess patients at an advanced level . . . analyze and synthesize data to establish a diagnosis, develop and implement treatment plans, and evaluate patient outcomes . . . *LAC 46:XLVII.4513*

(b) Advanced practice registered nursing may include certain acts of medical diagnosis . . . and (9), or medical prescriptions of therapeutic or corrective nature, prescribing assessment studies, legend and certain controlled drugs, therapeutic regimens . . . and distributing drugs for administration to and use by other individuals within the scope of practice as defined by the board. . . *La. R.S. 37:913 (2005) Definitions*

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**Table 38: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
LOUISIANA**

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL	ASSESSMENT			PRESCRIPTION			ADMINISTRATION		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

B. In accordance with a written clinical practice guidelines or protocols medical services rendered by a physician assistant may include: screening patients to determine need for medical attention; eliciting patient histories; reviewing patient records to determine health status; performing physical examinations; recording pertinent patient data; performing developmental screening examinations on children; . . . identifying normal and abnormal findings on history, physical examinations and laboratory studies . . . This list is illustrative only, and does not constitute the limits or parameters of the physician assistant’s practice. . . D. A physician assistant may administer medication to a patient, or transmit orally, electronically, or in writing on a patient’s record, a prescription from his or her supervising physician to a person who may lawfully furnish such medication or medical device. The supervising physician’s prescription, transmitted by the physician assistant, for any patient cared for by the physician assistant, shall be based on a patient-specific order by the supervising physician. At the direction and under the supervision of the supervising physician, a physician assistant may hand deliver to a patient of the supervising physician a properly labeled prescription drug prepackaged by a physician, a manufacturer or a pharmacist. In any case, the medical record of any patient cared for by the physician assistant for whom the physician’s prescription has been transmitted or carried out shall be reviewed, countersigned and dated by a supervising physician within 72 hours, or as otherwise required by law. E. A physician assistant shall not: . . . 2. issue prescriptions for any medication and/or complete and issue prescription blanks previously signed by any physician; 3. order for administration or administer any medication to any patient except pursuant to the specific order or direction of his or her supervising physician; *LAC 46:XLV.4505 Services Performed by Physician Assistants*

B. . . . Medical services rendered by a physician assistant may include but are not limited to: (1) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations. . . (8) . . . Drugs which may be prescribed are those listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of *R.S. 40:964* and legend drugs, which are defined as any drug or drug product bearing on the label of the manufacturer or distributor, as required by the Food and Drug Administration, the statement “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription”. *La. R.S. 37:1360.31 (2005) Services performed by physician assistants*

Pharmacist:

B. A licensed pharmacist may administer medication directly to a patient upon the prescription or order of a practitioner. Such a prescription or order shall be known as an “Authority to Administer.” . . . Vaccines. The pharmacist shall maintain and furnish the following information to the practitioner within 24 hours of the administration: . . . 2. age of the patient, if under 14 years of age. *LAC 46:LIII.521 Prescription Orders to Administer Medications*

(38) Pharmacy collaborative practice is that practice whereby a pharmacist has agreed to work in conjunction with one or more physicians licensed to practice medicine under written protocol. Any collaborative practice protocol shall adhere to established guidelines which have been approved and jointly promulgated by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. *LAC 46:LIII.909 Pharmacy Collaborative Practice*

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**Table 39: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MAINE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
The practice of “professional nursing” means the performance by a registered professional nurse . . . of professional services defined as follows . . . F. Administration of medications and treatment as prescribed by a legally authorized individual. *32 M.R.S. § 2102 (2005)*

Definitions

Nurse Practitioner:

A. . . . Such health care services, for which the certified nurse practitioner is independently responsible and accountable, includes: (1) obtaining a complete health data base that includes a health history, physical examination, and screening and diagnostic evaluation (2) interpreting health data by identifying wellness and risk factors and variations from norms (3) diagnosing and treating common diseases and human responses to actual and potential health problems . . . (5) consulting and/or collaborating with other health care providers and community resources . . . *21 N.C.A.C. 36.0224 (2005) COMPONENTS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE*

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**Table 40: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MAINE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
S E S	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Nurse Practitioner and Midwife:
 A certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife . . . may prescribe . . . drugs . . . in accordance with rules adopted by the board. *32 M.R.S. § 2102 (2005) Definitions*

A certified nurse midwife or certified nurse practitioner . . . may choose to . . . prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures when these services are delegated by a licensed physician. *32 M.R.S. § 2205-B (2005) Approval as advanced practice registered nurses*

A. Certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives are authorized to prescribe the following: . . . (3) drugs related to the specialty area of certification. *CMR 02-380-008 (2004) Regulations Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nursing*

Nurse Practitioner:
 “Physician extender” means a nurse practitioner . . . (Note: This does not include midwife.) . . . 6. SCOPE OF PRACTICE A. DELEGATED AUTHORITY Physician extenders may only perform those medical activities which the supervising physician has delegated to the physician extender. Medical activities which may be delegated include the following . . . 2. The prescribing . . . of drugs. . . to the extent permitted by state and federal law. Prescribing and dispensing of drugs may include Schedule III through V substances and all legend drugs. . *CMR 02-383-002 (2004) PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN EXTENDERS*

Physician Assistant:
 Physician assistants may perform only those medical activities that have been delegated to the physician assistant by a supervising physician. Medical activities that may be delegated include the following: . . . 2. the prescribing . . . of drugs . . . to the extent permitted by state and federal law. Prescribing and dispensing drugs may include Schedule III through V substances and all legend drugs. A Physician Assistant and primary supervising physician may together request individual consideration for authorization to prescribe schedule II drugs under specific individual guidelines detailed by the Board. *CMR 02-373-002 (2004) Physician’s Assistants*

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**Table 41: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MARYLAND**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X						X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational		X			X		X	
	Pharmacist		X			X		X	
	Physician Assistant		X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

F. Administration of medication is a nursing function. As such, the nurse retains full responsibility for medication administration. *COMAR 10.27.11.05 (2005) Nursing Functions*

Registered Nurse:

(f) . . . (1) Practice registered nursing” means. . . assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, implementation and evaluation of the practice of nursing in order to (i) Maintain health; (ii) Prevent illness . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 8-101 (2005) Definitions*

Practical Nurse:

(e) . . . “Practice of licensed practical nursing” means to . . . (1) Administer treatment or medication to an individual . . . (3) Promote preventive measures in community health . . . (v) Execution of therapeutic regimen, including the administration of medication and treatment . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 8-101 (2005) Definitions*

(c) Administering treatment or medication. - - A licensed practical nurse may administer treatment or medication only if the treatment or medication is prescribed by an individual who is authorized by law to prescribe medication or treatment . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 8-311 (2005) Scope of licensed practical nurse license*

Midwife:

(2) “Practice of midwifery” includes: . . . (ii) The prescribing of substances commonly used in the practice of nurse midwifery as determined by the Board in consultation with the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians; (iii) The prescribing of controlled substances on Schedules II, III, IV, and V commonly used in the practice of nurse midwifery as determined by the Board in consultation with the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 8-601 (2005) Definition*

b) Authorized prescriber. - - “Authorized prescriber” means any licensed . . . certified nurse midwife to the extent permitted . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 12-101 (2005) Definitions [Amendment subject to abrogation]*

A. . . a certified nurse midwife may: (1) Prescribe substances included in the formulary developed by the Board in consultation with the MBP and Pharmacy Board; (2) Prescribe controlled substances on Schedules II -- V . . . as determined by the Board in consultation with the MBP and Pharmacy Board; and . . . *COMAR 10.27.05.11 (2005) Prescribing of Substances by a Certified Nurse Midwife*

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**Table 42: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MARYL
AND**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X		X		
	Practical Nurse	X				X			X
	Prescriptive Practice			X		X			X
	Registered Nurse			X		X			X
	RN Supervisor			X		X			X
	Vocational			X		X			X
	Pharmacist			X		X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X		X			

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

A. A nurse practitioner may perform independently the following functions under the terms and conditions set forth in the written agreement: (1) Comprehensive physical assessment of patients; (2) Establishing medical diagnosis for common short-term or chronic stable health problems (4) Prescribing drugs (5) Performing therapeutic or corrective measures . . . B. Before a practitioner may practice he shall: . . . (2) Enter into a written agreement with a physician whereby the physician. . . shall: . . . (2) Enter into a written agreement with a physician whereby the physician on a regularly-scheduled basis shall: . . . (b) Establish and review drug and other medical guidelines with the nurse practitioner . . . *COMAR 10.27.07.02 (2005) .02 Nurse Practitioner - - Scope and Standards of Practice*

A. A nurse practitioner may personally prepare and dispense any drug that a nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe in the course of treating a patient . . . *COMAR 10.27.08 (2005) Prescribing and Dispensing*

Practical Nurse:

(e) Practice of licensed practical nursing. - - "Practice of licensed practical nursing" means to perform in a team relationship an act that requires specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on principles of biological, physiological, behavioral, or sociological science to: . . . (3) Promote preventive measures in community health . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 8-101 (2005) Definitions*

Physician Assistant:

(a) Independent practice not authorized. - - Nothing in this title may be construed to authorize a physician assistant to practice independent of a supervising physician. . . (c) Permitted patient services. - - Patient services that may be provided by a physician assistant include: (1) (i) Taking complete, detailed, and accurate patient histories . . . (7) Exercising prescriptive authority under an approved delegation agreement . . . (g) Limitations on prescription/medication delegation. - - A physician may not delegate the authority to write medication orders or the ability to exercise prescriptive authority to a physician assistant student in a training program approved by the Board . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 15-301 (2005) Scope of practice; required certification; practice without certificate*

B. A physician may delegate technical acts consistent with national standards in the medical community and the approved policies and procedures of the sites for the delivery of health services in the following categories: . . . (2) Nonsurgical technical acts while the assistant is under the physician's direct supervision or on-site supervision . . . C. At sites included in *Health-General Article, §§ 19-114 and 19-3B-01(b)*, Annotated Code of Maryland, or any unit of those sites, a physician may delegate technical acts. . . D. At sites not included in *Health-General Article, §§ 19-114 and 19-3B-01(b)*, Annotated Code of Maryland, when providing the following specified levels of supervision, a physician may delegate to an assistant technical acts which include but are not limited to: (1) Without on-site supervision: (a) Patient preparation for physician examination; (b) Patient history interview; E. A physician may not delegate to an assistant acts which include but are not limited to: (1) Conducting physical examinations . . . (2) With on-site supervision: (a) Preparing and administering injections limited to intradermal, subcutaneous, and intramuscular (deltoid, gluteal, vastus lateralis) . . . *COMAR 10.32.12.04 (2005) Scope of Delegation*

(o) Prescriptive authority. - - "Prescriptive authority" means the authority delegated by a supervising physician to a physician assistant to prescribe and administer controlled dangerous substances, prescription drugs, medical devices, and other oral, written, or electronic ordering of medications . . . *Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 15-101 (2005) Definitions*

**Table 42: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MARYL
AND**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X		X			X		
	Practical Nurse	X				X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

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(a) Requirements. - - A supervising physician may not delegate prescribing and administering of controlled dangerous substances, prescription drugs, or medical devices unless the supervising physician and physician assistant include in the delegation agreement: (1) A notice of intent to delegate prescribing of controlled dangerous substances, prescription drugs, or medical devices . . . **Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 15-302.2 (2005) Delegation of prescribing and administering of controlled dangerous substances, prescription drugs, or medical devices**

(21) “Prescriptive authority” means the authority delegated by a supervising physician to a physician assistant to: (a) Prescribe and administer: (i) Controlled dangerous substances; (ii) Prescription drugs; and (iii) Medical devices; and (b) Give verbal, written, or electronic orders for medications . . . **COMAR 10.32.03.02 (2005) Definitions**

In order for a supervising physician to delegate prescriptive authority, the supervising physician shall ensure that the agreement includes: A. A statement describing whether the physician intends to delegate: (a) Prescribing of: (a) Controlled dangerous substances; (b) Prescription drugs; or (c) Medical devices; and (2) Giving verbal, written, or electronic orders for medications . . . **COMAR 10.32.03.08 (2005) Prescriptive Authority**

The Board of Physician Quality Assurance (now Board of Physicians) has authority to adopt a regulation specifying the circumstances under which the job descriptions of physician assistants may include prescribing . . . **80 Op. Att’y Gen. - - (February 1, 1995)**

Pharmacist:

(p) Practice pharmacy. - - (1) “Practice pharmacy” means to engage in any of the following activities: . . . (viii) Administering an influenza vaccination . . . **Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 12-101 (2005) Definitions**

(a) Permitted. - - A pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination to an individual, in accordance with regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this section . . . **Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 12-508 (2005) Administration of influenza vaccination**

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**Table 43: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MASSACHUSETTS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
Nurse Practitioner	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife	X				X	X		
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	X				X	X		
	Practical Nurse	X				X			X
Physician Assistant	Prescriptive Practice		X	X					X
	Registered Nurse	X				X		X	
Pharmacist	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists			X			X			X
Physician Assistants			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurse Practitioner:

(2) Nurse Practitioner. The area of practice of a nurse practitioner includes: (a) Assessing the health status of individuals and families by obtaining health and medical histories.

244 CMR 4.26. Scope of Practice for Categories of Nurses Practicing in an Expanded Role.

Nurse Midwife:

(1) Nurse Midwife. The area of practice of a nurse midwife is . . . (a) Assessing the health status of women and infants by obtaining health and medical histories . . . (f) Assessing the growth and development of infants. **244 CMR 4.26. Scope of Practice for Categories of Nurses Practicing in an Expanded Role.**

Practical Nurse:

(4) A licensed practical nurse participates in direct and indirect nursing care . . . to: (a) assess an individual’s basic health status, records and related health data; (b) participate in analyzing and interpreting said recorded data; and making informed judgments as to the specific elements of nursing care mandated by a particular situation; (c) participate in planning and implementing nursing intervention including appropriate health care components in nursing care plans that take account of the most recent advancements and current knowledge in the field.

244 CMR 3.04: Responsibilities and Functions – Practical Nurse

Prescriptive Practice:

4.05: Definitions . . . Nurse engaged in prescriptive practice means a nurse with: (a) authorization to practice in the expanded role; (b) a minimum of 24 contact hours in pharmacotherapeutics which are beyond those acquired through a generic nursing education program . . . and (c) valid registration(s) to issue written or oral prescriptions or medication orders for controlled substances from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. . . . Prescriptive practice means the issuance of written or oral prescriptions for medication orders for controlled substances or other medications. **244 CMR 4.05 Definitions (2005).**

Prescriptive Practice means the written and oral issuance of any prescription and medication order for prescription and non-prescription drugs. **244 CMR 9.02 (2005) Definitions Standards of Conduct for Nurses**

Registered Nurse:

(3) . . . A registered nurse shall act, within his/her generic and continuing education and experience to: (a) systematically assess health status of individuals and groups. **244 CMR 3.02: Responsibilities and Functions – Registered Nurse**

(38) Administration of Drugs. A nurse licensed by the Board shall not administer any prescription drug or non-prescription drug to any person in the course of nursing practice except as directed by an authorized prescriber. **244 CMR 9.03 (2005) Standards of Conduct for Nurses**

It is the responsibility of the licensed nurse [registered and licensed practical nurses] to ensure that there is a proper medication order from a duly authorized prescriber prior to the administration of any prescription or non-prescription medication in accordance with accepted standards of practice and in compliance with the Boards regulations at 244 CMR 9.03 (38) and assessment of any allergy history. **Board of Registration in Nursing Advisory Rulings. Verification of Medication Orders. Ruling 9324 (issued 1993, revised 2002)**

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**Table 44: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MASSACHUSETTS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacists		X			X			X
	Physician Assistants	X		X					X

I. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(1) A physician assistant may, under the supervision of a licensed physician, perform any and all services which are: (a) Within the competence of the physician assistant in question, as determined by the supervising physician's assessment of his or her training and experience; and (b) Within the scope of services for which the supervising physician can provide adequate supervision to ensure that accepted standards of medical practice are followed. (2) A physician assistant may approach patients of all ages and with all types of conditions; elicit histories; perform examinations; order, perform and interpret diagnostic studies; order and perform therapeutic procedures; instruct and counsel patients regarding physical and mental health issues . . . consistent with his or her supervising physician's scope of expertise and responsibility and the level of authority and responsibility delegated to him or her by the supervising physician. . . . (4) Where a physician assistant is involved in the performance of major invasive procedures, such procedures shall be undertaken under specific written protocols, available to the Board upon request, which have been developed between the supervising physician and the physician assistant and which specify, inter alia, the level of supervision the service requires, e.g., direct (physician in room), personal (physician in building), or general (physician available by telephone). **263 CMR 5.04 (2005) Scope of Services Which May Be Performed.**

Any physician assistant . . . may issue written or oral prescriptions or medication orders for a patient, provided that he or she does so in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. (3) Any prescription or medication order issued by a physician assistant for a Schedule II controlled substance . . . shall be reviewed by his or her supervising physician, or by a temporary supervising physician designated . . . within 96 hours after its issuance. (4) All physician assistants shall issue prescriptions or medication orders in accordance with written guidelines governing the prescription of medication which are mutually developed and agreed upon by the physician assistant and his or her supervising physician(s). . . . (5) All prescriptions or medication orders issued by a physician assistant shall be issued in a manner which is consistent with the scope of practice of the physician assistant, the guidelines developed . . . and accepted standards of good medical practice for licensed physicians with respect to prescription practices. (6) At least four hours of the continuing medical education which a physician assistant is required to obtain . . . as a condition for license renewal shall be in the field of pharmacology and/or pharmacokinetics. **263 CMR 5.07: Prescription Practices of a Physician Assistant**

A physician assistant may . . . issue written prescriptions for patients subject to [state law]. Any prescription of medication made by a physician assistant must include the name of the supervising physician. **112 § 9E. Physician Assistants; Services Which May be Performed Under Supervision; Legal Responsibility of Supervising Person or Agency, etc.**

Nurse in an Expanded Role (Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist, Nurse Anesthetist):

(1) All nurses practicing in an expanded role (physician's office, institution or private practice) shall practice in accordance with written guidelines developed in collaboration with and mutually acceptable to the nurse and to: (a) a physician expert by virtue of training or experience in the nurse's area of practice in the case of the nurse in the physician's office and the nurse in private practice; or (b) the appropriate medical staff and nursing administration staff of the institution employing the nurse. **244 CMR 4.22: Development, Approval, and Review of Guidelines for Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists**

A nurse authorized to practice as a certified nurse-midwife may . . . issue written prescriptions. . . . Any prescription for medication made by a certified nurse-midwife shall include the name of the supervising physician. **ALM GL ch. 112, § 80G (2005) Nurse-Midwives Authorized to Order Certain Tests and Issue Certain Prescriptions.**

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**Table 44: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MASSACHUSETTS**

Health Professional		Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
		Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice			X			X			X
	Midwife			X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner			X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse			X			X	X		
S	Prescriptive Practice			X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse			X			X	X		
S	RN Supervisor			X			X			X
	Vocational			X			X			X
Pharmacists				X			X			X
Physician Assistants		X			X					X

A nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist may issue written prescriptions . . . pursuant to guidelines mutually developed and agreed upon by the nurse and the supervising physician in accordance with regulations promulgated jointly by the board and the board of registration in medicine after consultation with the board of registration in pharmacy. A prescription made by a nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist shall include the name of the physician with whom such nurse has developed and signed mutually agreed upon guidelines approved by said board and said board of registration in medicine pursuant to section eighty B. *ALM GL ch. 112, § 80E (2005) Nurse Practitioners or Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist; Ordering of Therapeutics and Tests; Issuance of Written Prescriptions.*

Registered Nurse:

(38) Administration of Drugs. A nurse licensed by the Board shall not administer any prescription drug or non-prescription drug to any person in the course of nursing practice except as directed by an authorized prescriber. *244 CMR 9.03 (2005) Standards of Conduct for Nurses*

It is the responsibility of the licensed nurse [registered and licensed practical nurses] to ensure that there is a proper medication order from a duly authorized prescriber prior to the administration of any prescription or non-prescription medication in accordance with accepted standards of practice and in compliance with the Boards regulations at 244 CMR 9.03 (38) and assessment of any allergy history. *Board of Registration in Nursing Advisory Rulings. Verification of Medication Orders. Ruling 9324 (issued 1993, revised 2002)*

Nursing practice involves . . . the administration of medication, therapeutics and treatment prescribed by duly authorized nurses in advanced roles, including certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners and psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists; dentists; physicians; and physician assistants' and the evaluation of responses to care and treatment.

ALM GL ch. 112, § 80B (2005) Practice of Nursing Defined; Advanced Nursing Practice; Standards, Practice of Licensed Practical Nurses.

A written order, provided and signed by an authorized prescriber, is required in order for an R.N. or L.P.N to administer any vaccine. . . . Nurses shall be directly accountable for the delivery of safe and effective nursing care in the administration of immunizing agents. Parental permission must be obtained in the case of administration to children. *Administration of Immunizing Agents. Ruling 9804 (issued 1998, revised 2000)*

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**Table 45: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MICHIGAN**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
U	Midwife		X			X			X
R	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
S	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
E	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
S	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacists		X			X			X
	Physician Assistants		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Michigan does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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**Table 46: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MICHIGAN**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists						X			X
Physician Assistants				X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

(5) The board may promulgate rules for the delegation by a supervising physician to a physician’s assistant of the function of prescription drugs. The rules may define the drugs or classes of drugs the prescription of which shall not be delegated and other procedures and protocols . . . Until the rules are promulgated, a supervising physician may delegate the prescription of drugs other than controlled substances . . . *MCLS § 333.17048 (2005) Limitation on number of physician assistants supervised; prohibiting or restricting delegation of medical care service or requiring higher levels of supervision; delegation of ultimate responsibility prohibited; rules as to drugs; ordering, receiving, and dispensing complimentary starter dose drugs*

(3) A physician’s assistant may prescribe drugs as a delegated act of a supervising physician, but shall do so only in accordance with procedures and protocol for the prescription established by rule of the appropriate board. Until the rules are promulgated, a physician’s assistant may prescribe a drug other than a controlled substance . . . as a delegated act of the supervising physician . . . *MCLS § 333.17076 (2005) Medical care services by physician’s assistant; supervision required; exception; medical care setting required; making calls or going on rounds; prescribing drugs; indicating name of supervising physician; ordering, receiving, and dispensing complimentary starter dose drugs*

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**Table 47: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MINNESOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacists		X			X			X
	Physician Assistants		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Minnesota does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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**Table 48: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MINNESOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

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 . . . (10) prescribing, administering, and dispensing legend drugs and medical devices if this function has been delegated by the supervising physician . . . (11) for physician assistants not delegated prescribing authority, administering legend drugs and medical devices following prospective review for each patient by and upon the direction of the supervising physician . . . *Minn. Stat. § 147A.09 (2005) Scope of practice, delegation (Physician Assistant)*

Subdivision 1. Delegation. (a) A supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant who is . . . under the supervising physician's supervision, the authority to prescribe, dispense, and administer . . . medical devices, and controlled substances subject to the requirements in this section. . . *Minn. Stat. § 147A.18 (2005) Delegated authority to prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices*

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**Table 49: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MISSISSIPPI**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(2) The “practice of nursing” by a registered nurse means the performance . . . of . . . assessment, diagnosis, planning, intervention and evaluation in the promotion and maintenance of health . . . *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-15-5 (2005) Definitions*

Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner:

1. Functions of the Registered Nurse . . . f. Assessing the patient’s needs, formulating a nursing diagnosis, planning for, implementing and evaluating the nursing care in the promotion and the maintenance of health of each patient for whom responsibility has been accepted . . . 1.3 . . . The registered nurse: a. May: . . . (2) Assign duties of administration of patient medications to other licensed nurses only (either a RN or LPN, or one authorized by a temporary permit to practice) . . . 2.4 Prescribing Controlled Substances and Medications by Nurse Practitioners a. Scope. . . . [A]uthorized nurse practitioners may prescribe Schedules II-V . . . (3) The word “prescribe” shall mean to designate or order by means of either a written or oral prescription, the delivery of a controlled substance or legend drug to an ultimate user . . . *CMSR 50-015-001 (2005) Rules and Regulations*

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**Table 50: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MISSISSIPPI**

Health Professional		Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
		Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice			X			X			X
	Midwife			X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner			X			X			X
	Practical Nurse			X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X			X
	Registered Nurse			X			X			X
	RN Supervisor			X			X			X
	Vocational			X			X			X
	Pharmacist			X			X			X
	Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Practical Nurse:

(2) . . . “Nursing practice” includes, but is not limited to . . . execution of the medical regimen, including the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any licensed or legally authorized physician or dentist . . . (3) The “practice of nursing” by a licensed practical nurse . . . the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any licensed physician or licensed dentist authorized by state law to prescribe . . . *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-15-5 (2005) Definitions*

XXII. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS A. SCOPE 1. . . Physician assistants may perform those duties and responsibilities, including diagnosing . . . the ordering, prescribing or prepackaged drugs . . . as delegated by their supervising physician(s). . . 2. Physician Assistants may provide any medical service which is delegated by the supervising physician when the service is within the Physician Assistant’s training and skills; forms a component of the physician’s scope of practice; and is provided with supervision. . . *CMSR 50-013-001 Rules and Regulations*

D. REQUIREMENT OF PROTOCOL – PRESCRIBING/DISPENSING 1. Physician Assistants shall practice according to a Board approved protocol which has been mutually agreed upon by the Physician Assistant and the supervising physician. Each protocol shall be prepared taking into consideration the specialty of the supervising physician, and must outline . . . categories of pharmacologic agents which may be . . . prescribed, administered, dispensed . . . for patients with diagnoses identified by the Physician Assistant. . . *CMSR 50-013-001 Rules and Regulations*

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**Table 51: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MISSOURI**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
 “Professional nursing”, the performance . . . of any act . . . including, but not limited to . . . (b) Assessment, nursing diagnosis, nursing care, and counsel of persons who are ill, injured or experiencing alterations in normal health processes . . . § 335.016 R.S.Mo. (2005) *Definitions*

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**Table 52: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MISSOURI**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
Nurses	Advanced Practice		X	X			X		
	Midwife		X			X			X
UR	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
SES	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X			X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice:

(3) Methods of Treatment. (A) The methods of treatment and the authority to administer, dispense, and prescribe drugs delegated in a collaborative practice arrangement between a collaborating physician and collaborating registered professional nurse or advanced practice nurse shall be within the scope of practice of each professional and shall be consistent with each professional’s skill, training, education, and competence . . . (C) The methods of treatment and the authority to administer, dispense, and prescribe drugs delegated to the collaborating registered professional nurse or advanced practice nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement shall also be consistent with the scope of practice of the collaborating physician. . . **4 CSR 200-4.200 (2006) Collaborative Practice**

. . . 2. Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may delegate to a registered professional nurse the authority to administer, dispense, and prescribe drugs . . . if the registered professional nurse is an advance practice nurse . . . Such collaborative practice arrangements shall be in the form of written agreements, jointly agreed-upon protocols or standing orders for the delivery of health care services. . . **§ 334.104 R.S.Mo. (2005) Collaborative practice agreements, form, delegation of authority - - rules, approval, restrictions - - disciplinary actions - - nurses may provide anesthesia services, when**

“Professional nursing”, the performance . . . of any act . . . including, but not limited to . . . (c) The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medications and treatments . . . **§ 335.016 R.S.Mo. (2005) Definitions**

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**Table 53: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
MONTANA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.	X				X			X
	Midwife			X	X		X		
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X		X		
	Practical Nurse			X			X		X
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X		X
	Registered Nurse	X					X	X	
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational			X			X		X
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
(8) "Practice of professional nursing" . . . The nursing process is the assessment, nursing analysis, planning, nursing intervention, and evaluation in the promotion and maintenance of health, the prevention . . . of illness The term also includes . . . the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, dentists, osteopaths, or podiatrists authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments. . . *Mont. Code Anno., § 37-8-102 (2005) Definitions*

Registered Nurse:
The registered nurse shall: (1) conduct and document nursing assessments of the health status of individuals and groups . . . *MONT. ADMIN. R. 8.32.1403 (2005) STANDARDS RELATED TO THE REGISTERED NURSE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO APPLY THE NURSING PROCESS*

Nurse Practitioner:
(1) Nurse practitioner practice means the independent and/or collaborative management of primary and/or acute health care of individuals, families and communities including: (a) assessing the health status of individuals and families using methods appropriate to the client populations and area of practice such as health history taking, physician examination . . . (iii) making medical and nursing diagnoses . . . *MONT. ADMIN. R. 8.32.301 (2005) NURSE PRACTITIONER PRACTICE*

Clinical Nurse Specialist:
(1) Clinical nurse specialist practice means the independent and collaborative delivery and management of expert level nursing care to individuals or groups, including the ability to: (a) assess the health status of individuals and families using methods appropriate to the client population and area of practice; (b) diagnose human responses to actual or potential health problems using the nursing process; (c) plan for health promotion, disease prevention and/or therapeutic intervention in collaboration with the client . . . *MONT. ADMIN. R. 8.32.307 (2005) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE*

Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife:
. . . (2) An APRN granted prescriptive authority by the board of nursing may prescribe and dispense drugs pursuant to applicable state and federal laws. (a) NPs, CRNAs, and CNMs with unencumbered licenses may hold prescriptive authority. . . (3) Prescriptive authority permits the APRN to . . . prescribe, dispense and administer prescription drugs in the prevention of illness . . . and/or the maintenance of health . . . *MONT. ADMIN. R. 8.32.1501 (2005) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ELIGIBLE APRNS*

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**Table 54: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
MONTANA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X			X	X		
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Practical Nurse:

(7)(a) “Practice of practical nursing” means . . . the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, dentist, osteopath, or podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments. These services are performed under the supervision of a registered nurse or a physician, dentist, osteopath, or podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments. . . *Mont. Code Anno., § 37-8-102 (2005) Definitions*

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

(1) Clinical nurse specialist practice means the independent and collaborative delivery and management of expert level nursing care to individuals or groups, including the ability to . . . (d) implement therapeutic interventions based on the clinical nurse specialist’s area of expertise, including, but not limited to: . . . (iv) providing medications or treatments according to protocol . . . *MONT. ADMIN. R. 8.32.307 (2005) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE*

Physician Assistant:

(3) “Physician assistant” means a member of a health care team, licensed by the board, who provides medical services that may include but are not limited to examinations, diagnosis . . . prescription of medications under the supervision of a physician licensed by the board. *Mont. Code Anno., § 37-20-401 (2005) Definitions*

(1) A physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs to the extent authorized by the supervising physician. . . *Mont. Code Anno., § 37-20-404 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing authority - - discretion of supervising physician on limitation of authority*

Pharmacist:

(1) (a) “Administer” means the direct application of a drug to the body of a patient by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means. (b) The term does not include immunization by injection for children under 18 years of age . . . (4) “Collaborative pharmacy practice” means the practice of pharmacy by a pharmacist who has agreed to work in conjunction with one or more prescribers, on a voluntary basis and under protocol, and who may perform certain patient care function are certain specified conditions, or limitations authorized by the prescriber. (5) “Collaborative pharmacy practice agreement” means a written and signed agreement between one or more pharmacists and one or more prescribers that provides for collaborative pharmacy practice for the purpose of drug therapy management of patients. *Mont. Code Anno., § 37-7-101 (2005) Definitions*

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**Table 55: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEBRASKA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
S E S	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(7) The practice of nursing means . . . the execution of nursing care and of diagnostic or therapeutic regimens prescribed by any person lawfully authorized to prescribe. . . include[s] the identification of and intervention in actual or potential health problems of individuals, families, or groups, which acts are directed toward maintaining health status, preventing illness, injury, or infirmity, improving health status, and providing care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being through nursing assessment . . . (8) The practice of nursing by a registered nurse means assuming responsibility and accountability for nursing actions which include, but are not limited to: (a) Assessing human responses to actual or potential health conditions; (b) Establishing nursing diagnoses . . . (f) Implementing the plan of care . . . (n) Collaborating with other health professionals in the management of health care . . . *R.R.S. Neb. § 71-1,132.05 (2005) Nursing; terms, defined [Operative date July 1, 2007]*

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**Table 56: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEBRASKA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
R	Practical Nurse	X				X	X		
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant		X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Practical Nurse:

(9) . . . A licensed practical nurse may function at the direction of a licensed practitioner or a registered nurse. Such responsibilities. . . must include, but not be limited to: (a) Contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups. . .(c) Implementing the appropriate aspects of the plan of care. *R.R.S. Neb. § 71-1,132.05 (2005) Nursing; terms, defined [Operative date July 1, 2007]*

Physician Assistant:

A physician assistant may prescribe drugs and devices as delegated to do so by a supervising physician. Any limitation placed by the supervising physician on the prescribing authority of the physician assistant shall be recorded on the physician assistant’s scope of practice agreement. . . *R.R.S. Neb. § 71-1,107.30 (2005) Physician assistants; prescribe drugs and devices; restrictions*

Pharmacist:

1. Practice of pharmacy means . . . (d) the administration of drugs or devices . . . (2) Administer means to directly apply a drug or device by injection . . . to the body of a patient or research subject; (3) Administration means the act of (a) administering, (b) keeping a record of such activity, and (c) observing, monitoring, reporting, and otherwise taking appropriate action regarding desired effect, side effect, interaction, and contraindication associated with administering the drug or device . . . (8) Delegated dispensing means the practice of pharmacy by which one or more pharmacists have jointly agreed, on a voluntary basis, to work in conjunction with one or more persons . . . under a protocol which provides that such person may perform certain dispensing functions authorized by the pharmacist or pharmacists under certain specified conditions and limitations . . . *R.R.S. Neb. § 71-1,142 (2005) Terms, defined (Pharmacists)*

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**Table 57: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEVADA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X	X		
	Practical Nurse			X		X			X
	Prescriptive Practice			X		X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor			X		X			X
	Vocational			X		X			X
	Pharmacist			X		X			X
Physician Assistant	X				X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

“Assessment” means the systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of data that is relevant to the status of health of a patient to determine the actual of potential needs of the patient regarding health care. *NAC 632.026 (2005) “Assessment” defined. (NRS 632.120)*

... 2. A registered nurse shall demonstrate ... competence in ... (e) evaluating, assessing and altering, if appropriate, the established plan of care ... *NAC 632.212 (2005) Duties included; competency required. (NRS 632.120)*

1. A registered nurse shall perform or supervise: (a) The assessment and evaluation of the health of each patient under his care ... *NAC 632.216 (2005) Care of patients; additional duties. (NRS 632.120)*

Nurse Practitioner:

An advanced practitioner of nursing may perform the following acts in addition to the ordinary functions of a registered nurse if he is properly prepared and the acts are currently within the standard of medical practice for his specialty and appear in his protocols: 1. Systematically assess the health status or persons and families by: (a) Taking, recording and interpreting medical histories and performing physical examinations; and (b) Performing or initiating selected diagnostic procedures. . . *NAC 632.255 (2005) Scope of practice. (NRS 632.120, 632.237)*

1. The State Board of Nursing will issue a certificate to dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices to an advanced practitioner of nursing if the practitioner: (a) Successfully completes an examination administered by the State Board of Nursing on Nevada law relating to pharmacy; and (b) Submits to the State Board of Nursing his affidavit verifying that he has made application with the state Board of Pharmacy for a certificate of registration . . . *NAC 632.2595 (2005) Certification to dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices. (NRS 632.120, 632.237)*

Physician Assistant:

Before offering advice about the means or instrumentality of treatment, the licensee shall undertake an assessment of the patient. The assessment must be documented in the medical chart of the patient and should included, without limitation, the conventional methods of diagnosis ordinarily utilized by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty field. The assessment may include nonconventional methods of diagnosis . . . *NAC 630.615 (2005) Assessment of patient; contents of assessment. (NRS 630.130) CHAPTER 630. Physicians, Physician Assistants and Practitioners of Respiratory Care*

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**Table 58: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEVADA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X		X	X		X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
S	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		X
	Physician Assistant		X	X		X	X		X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
 “Practice of nursing” . . . The term does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures, except as authorized by specific statute. *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.0169 (2005) “Practice of nursing” defined*

“Practice of professional nursing” means . . . the . . . administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by an advanced practitioner of nursing, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed dentist or a licensed podiatric physician . . . [It] does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures. *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.018 (2005) “Practice of professional nursing” defined*

1. A nurse licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, while working at an institution of the department of corrections, may treat patients, including the administration of a dangerous drug, poison or related device, pursuant to orders given by a physician assistant if those orders are given pursuant to a protocol approved by the board of medical examiners and the supervising physician. . . 3. This section does not authorized a physician assistant to give orders for the administration of any controlled substance. . . *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.473 (2005) Treatment of patients by nurse employed by department of corrections*

Registered Nurse:
 A registered nurse shall perform or supervise: (a) The verification of an order given for the care of a patient to ensure that it is appropriate and properly authorized and that there are no documented contraindications in carrying out the order . . . 2. A registered nurse shall take orders only from a licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of nursing. A registered nurse may refuse an order if he takes appropriate action to ensure the safety of a patient. 3. If a prescription specifies a range of the dosage or frequency for the administration of medication, a registered nurse may adjust the dosage or frequency of the medication within that range when he administers the medication to a patient. *NAC 632.220 (2005) Medication and treatment of patients; response to orders; adjustment of dosage or frequency of medication. (NRS 632.120)*

2. A registered nurse shall demonstrate . . . competence in . . . (i) Administering medication and carrying out treatments which are properly authorized . . . *NAC 632.212 (2005) Duties included; competency required. (NRS 632.120)*

Nurse Practitioner:
 1 . . . an advanced practitioner of nursing who is authorized to prescribe . . . controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices, as applicable, only: (a) for a legitimate medical purpose; and (b) In such amounts as are authorized by his collaborating physician, except that the amounts must not exceed a 365-day supply . . . *NAC 639.854 (2005) Scope of authority to prescribe. (NRS 639.070, 639.2351)*

2. An advanced practitioner of nursing may: (a) Engage in selected medical diagnosis and treatment; and (b) If authorized . . . prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices, pursuant to a protocol approved by a collaborating physician. A protocol must not include and an advanced practitioner of nursing shall not engage in any diagnosis, treatment or other conduct which the advanced practitioner of nursing is not qualified to perform. . . *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.237 (2005)*

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**Table 58: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEVADA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X		X	X		X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist		X				X	X	X	
Physician Assistant		X		X		X	X	X	

“Prescription” means authorization to administer medications or treatments issued by an advanced practitioner of nursing . . . in the form of a written or oral order, a policy or procedure of a facility or a written protocol developed by the prescribing practitioner. *NAC 632.071 (2005)*
“Prescription” defined

1. . . . an advanced practitioner of nursing will be authorized to issue written prescriptions for controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices only if he: (a) Is authorized to do so by the Board; (b) Submits and application for authority to issue written prescriptions for controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or devices to the Board; and (c) Has successfully completed: (1) a program that complies with the requirements set forth . . . and includes an advanced course in pharmacotherapeutics; or (2) A program of academic study that: (I) Is approved by the Board . . . *NAC 632.257 (2005) Authorization to issue written prescriptions for controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices. (NRS 632.120, 632.237)*

1. An advanced practitioner of nursing may only prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or devices which are: (a) Currently within the standard of medical practice in his identified medical specialty; and (b) Listed in his protocols. 2. The collaborating physician must approve, in writing, any change in the list of controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or devices in the protocol. . . . *NAC 632.259 (2005) Controlled substances, dangerous drugs or devices that may be prescribed; review and revision of list of drugs. (NRS 632.120, 632.237)*

1. An advanced practitioner of nursing who dispenses drugs to a patient under the direction of a collaborating physician . . . shall do so by a written prescription, unless the prescription is issued as an oral order from a practitioner. 2. . . . an advanced practitioner of nursing who is authorized to dispense . . . poisons, dangerous drugs and devices may dispense, as applicable only: (a) For a legitimate medical purpose; and (b) In such amounts as are authorized by his collaborating physician, except that the amounts must not exceed a 365-day supply . . . *NAC 639.879 (2005) Scope of authority to dispense. (NRS 639.070, 639.1375)*

1. An advanced practitioner of nursing may dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices . . . *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 639.1375 (2005) Advanced practitioners of nursing: Authority to dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices; registration; regulations*

Physician Assistant:

1. . . . a physician assistant who is authorized to prescribe . . . controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices as applicable, only: (a) For a legitimate medical purpose; and (b) In such amounts as are authorized by his supervising physician except that the amounts must not exceed a 365-day supply. 4. A physician assistant who prescribes . . . drugs to a patient under the direction of a supervising physician . . . shall do so by a written prescription, unless the prescription is issued as an oral order to a pharmacy. *NAC 639.280 (2005) Scope of authority to prescribe and dispense. (NRS 639.070, 639.1373)*

1. A physician assistant or an osteopathic physician’s assistant may, if authorized by the board . . . prescribe . . . controlled substances orprescribe . . . poisons, dangerous drugs and devices in or out of the presence of his supervising physician only to the extent and subject to the limitations specified in the registration certificate issued to the physician assistant or osteopathic physician’s assistant, as appropriate, by the board pursuant to this section . . . *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 639.1373 (2005) Physician assistant and osteopathic physician’s assistant: Authority regarding possession, administration and dispensing of controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices; registration; regulations*

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**Table 58: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEVADA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X		X	X		X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist		X			X	X		X	
Physician Assistant		X		X		X		X	

“Prescription” means authorization to administer medications or treatment issued by . . . a licensed physician assistant . . . in the form of a written or oral order, a policy or procedure of a facility or a written protocol developed by the prescribing practitioner. *NAC 632.071 (2005)*
“Prescription” defined. (NRS 632.120)

1. [A] physician assistant who is authorized to . . . dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices as applicable, only:
 (a) For a legitimate medical purpose; and (b) In such amounts as are authorized by his supervising physician except that the amounts must not exceed a 365-day supply. . . 4. A physician assistant who prescribes or dispenses drugs to a patient under the direction of a supervising physician . . . shall do so by a written prescription, unless the prescription is issued as an oral order to a pharmacy. *NAC 639.280 (2005)*
Scope of authority to prescribe and dispense. (NRS 639.070, 639.1373)

1. A physician assistant or an osteopathic physician’s assistant may, if authorized by the board . . . administer . . . controlled substances, or . . . administer . . . dangerous drugs or devices in or out of the presence of his supervising physician only to the extent and subject to the limitations specified in the registration certificate issued to the physician assistant or osteopathic physician’s assistant, as appropriate, by the board . . . *Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 639.1373 (2005) Physician assistant and osteopathic physician’s assistant: Authority regarding possession, administration and dispensing of controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices; registration; regulations*

Pharmacist:

1. A pharmacist may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection in compliance with a written protocol from a physician that authorizes a pharmacist to administer such an immunization. Such a protocol must contain: . . . I The location or locations at which the pharmacist may administer immunizations; (d) The immunizations that may be administered by the pharmacist; . . . (h) A restriction that the pharmacist may not administer any immunization to a patient who is less than 14 years of age; (i) A restriction that the pharmacist may not delegate his authority to administer an immunization; . . . *NAC 639.2971 (2005) Written protocol for immunization; deviation. (NRS 454.213, 639.070)*

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**Table 59: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X		X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X		X					X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

I. Advanced registered nursing practice by nurse practitioners . . . scope of practice . . . shall be limited to: (a) Performing acts of advanced assessment . . . *RSA § 326-B:11 (2005) Scope of Practice and Authority; Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner.*

I. Advanced registered nursing practice by nurse practitioners . . . scope of practice . . . shall be limited to:
(a) Performing acts of . . . prescribing, selecting, administering, and providing therapeutic measures and treatment regimes; III. An ARNP shall have plenary authority to . . . prescribe, administer, and dispense and distribute to clients controlled and non-controlled drugs in accordance with the formulary established by the joint health council and within the scope of the ARNP's practice. . . . *RSA § 326-B:11 (2005) Scope of Practice and Authority; Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner.*

The administration of medications by non-licensees to individuals receiving community-based services . . . shall not be construed as practicing nursing. *RSA § 326-B:45 (2005) Direct Care in Community-Based Services*

Registered Nurse:

An RN shall . . . (a) Provid[e] comprehensive nursing assessment of the health status of clients, families, groups, and communities. . . (c) Develop a plan of nursing strategies to be integrated within the client-centered health care plan that establishes nursing diagnoses . . . prescribing nursing interventions, and implementing nursing care through the execution of independent nursing strategies and prescribed medical regimen. *RSA § 326-B:12 (2005) Scope of Practice; Registered Nurse.*

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**Table 60: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

New Hampshire does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under standing orders.

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**Table 61: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEW JERSEY**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

b. . . Diagnosing in the context of nursing practice means the identification of and discrimination between physical and psychosocial signs and symptoms essential to effective execution and management of the nursing regimen within the scope of practice of the registered professional nurse. Such diagnostic privilege is distinct from a medical diagnosis. *N.J. Stat. § 45:11-23 (2005) Definitions*

(a) The registered professional nurse is responsible for the . . . assessment of the nursing needs, the plan of nursing care, the implementation, and the monitoring and evaluation of the plan. *N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2 (2005) Delegation of selected nursing tasks*

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**Table 62: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW JERSEY**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant	X		X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Midwife:

A certified nurse midwife . . . may prescribe drugs, as delineated in standing orders and practice protocols developed in agreement between a certified nurse midwife and a collaborative physician. The practice protocols shall be established in accordance with standards adopted by the board. *N.J. Stat. § 45:10-18 (2005) Certified nurse midwife may prescribe drugs*

Advance Practice:

(b) Advance practice nurses who seek to prescribe . . . medications . . . and the collaborating physician(s) with whom they are in collaboration shall develop a joint protocol, which shall be: 1. In writing; 2. Signed by both the advanced practice nurse and the physician, with an acknowledgment that any inappropriate professional behavior or violation of the protocol on the part of either the physician or the advanced practice nurse will be reported to his or her respective licensing board; . . . *N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.3 (2005) Standards for joint protocols between advanced practice nurses and collaborating physicians*

a. In addition to all other tasks which a registered professional nurse may, by law, perform, an advanced practice nurse may manage preventive care services . . . consistent with the needs of the patient and within the scope of practice of the advanced practice nurse, by: . . . (2) prescribing or ordering medications . . . b. An advanced practice nurse may order medications . . . in the inpatient setting, subject to the following conditions: (1) the collaborating physician and advanced practice nurse shall address in the joint protocols whether prior consultation with the collaborating physician is required to initiate an order for a controlled dangerous substance; (2) the order is written in accordance with standing orders or joint protocols developed in agreement between a collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse, or pursuant to the specific direction of a physician; . . . c. An advanced practice nurse may prescribe medications . . . in all other medically appropriate settings, subject to the following conditions: (1) the collaborating physician and advanced practice nurse shall address in the joint protocols whether prior consultation with the collaborating physician is required to initiate a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance; (2) the prescription is written in accordance with standing orders or joint protocols developed in agreement between a collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse, or pursuant to the specific direction of a physician; . . . *N.J. Stat. § 45:11-49 (2005) Permitted duties of advanced practice nurse*

Nurse Practitioner:

Each nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist shall prescribe/order medications . . . in conformity with . . . jointly developed protocols. Each nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist shall prescribe/order medications . . . only at location(s) where written joint protocols are reviewed, updated and signed at least annually by the nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist and his or her collaborating physician. *N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.6 (2005) Prescriptive practice*

Physician Assistant:

a. A physician assistant may perform the following procedures: (1) Approaching a patient to elicit a detailed and accurate history, perform an appropriate physical examination, identify problems, record information and interpret and present information to the supervising physician; . . . (3) Providing patient counseling services and patient education consistent with directions of the supervising physician; . . . b. A physician assistant may perform the following procedures only when directed, ordered or prescribed by the supervising physician or specified in accordance with protocols . . . (4) Writing prescriptions or ordering medications in an inpatient or outpatient setting. *N.J. Stat. § 45:9-27.16 (2005) Allowable Procedures*

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**Table 62: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW JERSEY**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

A temporary licensed physician assistant may write an order for medications; however, the order may not be executed without the immediate countersignature of a physician or licensed physician assistant. When the countersignature is provided by a licensed physician assistant, the order must also be countersigned by a physician within 24 hours of its entry by the temporary licensed physician assistant. *N.J. Stat. § 45:9-27.19a (2005) Countersignature required for order for medications by temporary licensee*

Pharmacist:

b. A physician assistant may perform the following procedures only when directed, ordered or prescribed by the supervising physician or specified in accordance with protocols . . . (2) Giving injections, administering medications and requesting diagnostic studies . . . *N.J. Stat. § 45:9-27.16 (2005) Allowable Procedures*

b. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, other than for pediatric immunizations, a pharmacist may administer drugs in immunization programs and programs sponsored by governmental agencies that are not patient specific provided the pharmacist is appropriately educated and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of Medical Examiners. *N.J. Stat. § 45:14-63 (2005) Administration of prescription medication directly to patient, immunizations*

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**Table 63: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEW MEXICO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Midwife:

B. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY acknowledges the ability of the certified nurse-midwife to practice independently within the limits of the scope of practice described in these regulations, and as necessary collaborate with other providers. Certified nurse-midwives who have fulfilled requirements for prescribing drugs, may . . . prescribe, distribute and administer to their patients dangerous drugs and devices, including controlled substances included in Schedules II through V . . . that have been prepared, packaged or fabricated by a licensed pharmacist or doses of drugs that have been prepackaged by a pharmaceutical manufacturer in accordance with the Pharmacy Act and New Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. . . (b) LIMITATIONS ON PRESCRIBING DANGEROUS DRUGS: The CNM while holding such a permit may prescribe and distribute only the dangerous drugs and devices that are included in the formulary developed by the Division . . . and which are directly applicable to the Scope of Practice. **16.11.2.9 NMAC (2006) PRACTICE OF THE CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE**

All drugs prescribed are based on the Scope of Practice . . .A CNM may not prescribe any controlled substances unless she/he has a DEA number . . . X. Immunizations and immune globulins, including Rhogam . . . **16.11.2.13 NMAC (2006) CNM FORMULARY**

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**Table 64: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW MEXICO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational					X			X	
Pharmacist				X			X		
Physician Assistant				X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

M. “practice of nursing” means . . . assessing and implementing a plan of care to accomplish defined goals and evaluating responses to care and treatment . . . and includes but is not limited to: . . . (4) collaborating on the health care regimen; (5) administering medications and performing treatments prescribed by a person authorized in this state or in any other state in the United States to prescribe them (6) recoding and reporting nursing observations, assessments, interventions and responses to health care . . . N. “professional registered nursing” means . . . (1) assessing the health status of individuals, families and communities (2) establishing a nursing diagnosis . . . (6) implementing the plan of care commensurate with education and verified competence . . . (10) collaborating with other health care professionals in the management of health care . . . *N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-3-3 (2006) Definitions*

Physician Assistant:

D. Physician assistants may prescribe, administer, and distribute dangerous drugs other than controlled substances in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act if the prescribing, administering, and distributing are done under the direction of a supervising licensed physician and within the parameters of a board-approved formulary and guidelines . . . Physician assistants shall not otherwise dispense dangerous drugs or controlled substances. E. A physician assistant shall perform only the acts and duties assigned to the physician assistant by a supervising licensed physician that are within the scope of practice of the supervising licensed physician. . . *N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-6-7 (2006) Short title; licensure as a physician assistant; scope of practice; biennial registration of supervision; license renewal; fees. (Repealed effective July 1, 2010.)*

A. Physician assistants may administer dangerous drugs under the direction of the supervising physician, subject to the following: (1) Physician assistants may only administer those drugs designated in a board-approved formulary. The supervising physician, based upon the physician’s specialty and scope of practice, may request from the board additions to or deletions from the formulary. (2) Physician assistants may administer dangerous drugs other than controlled substances in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act . B. Physician assistants may prescribe dangerous drugs under the direction of the supervising physician, subject to the following: (1) Physician assistants may only prescribe those drugs designated in a board-approved formulary. Additions to or deletions from the formulary may be requested by the supervising physician based upon the physician’s specialty and scope of practice. (2) Physician assistants may prescribe dangerous drugs other than controlled substances in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act . . . (3) Physician assistants may telephone prescriptions to pharmacies for any drug they are authorized to prescribe . . . **16.10.16.8 NMAC (2006) ADMINISTERING AND PRESCRIBING DANGEROUS DRUGS**

A. Unless otherwise provided by law, physician assistants may provide medical services delegated to them by the supervising physician when such services are within the physician assistant’s skills and form a usual component of the physician’s scope of practice. . . **16.10.15.13 NMAC (2006) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Pharmacist:

A. A pharmacist clinician planning to exercise prescriptive authority in his practice shall have on file at his place of practice written guidelines or a protocol. The guidelines or protocol shall authorize a pharmacist clinician to exercise prescriptive authority and shall be established and approved by a practitioner in accordance with regulations adopted by the board . . . The practitioner who is a party to the guidelines or protocol shall be in active practice and the prescriptive authority that he grants to a pharmacist clinician shall be within the scope of the practitioner’s current practice . . . *N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-11B-3 (2006) Pharmacist clinician prescriptive authority*

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UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW MEXICO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational					X			X	
Pharmacist				X			X		
Physician Assistant				X			X		

E. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY, GUIDELINES OR PROTOCOL: (1) No pharmacist clinician may exercise prescriptive authority unless guidelines or protocol from the current supervising practitioner are on file with the Board. . . F. SCOPE OF PRACTICE: (1) A pharmacist clinician shall perform only those services that are delineated in the guidelines or protocol and are within the scope of practice of the supervising practitioner. . . **16.19.4.17 NMAC (2006) PHARMACIST CLINICIAN**

A. PROTOCOL: (1) Prescriptive authority for vaccines shall be exercised solely in accordance with the written protocol for vaccine prescriptive authority approved by the Board . . . C. AUTHORIZED DRUGS: (1) Prescriptive authority shall be limited to those drugs and vaccines delineated in the written protocol for vaccine prescriptive authority approved by the Board and; (2) Other vaccines as determined by the CDC or New Mexico Department of Health that may be required to protect the public health and safety in an established emergency. . . E. NOTIFICATION: (1) Upon signed consent of the patient or guardian, the pharmacist shall notify the New Mexico Department of Health Immunization Program of any vaccine administered . . . **16.19.26.8 NMAC (2006) VACCINES**

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**Table 65: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NEW YORK**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists			X			X			X
Physician Assistants			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

4. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner . . . and consistent with the public health law, for: (a) administering . . . immunizations. § 6909. *Special provision.*

(f) Prescriptive privilege. . . . [A] nurse practitioner may be authorized to issue prescriptions pursuant to *section 6902(3)(b) of the Education Law* after completing instruction, satisfactory to the department, in New York State and Federal laws and regulations relating to prescriptions and recordkeeping. § 64.4 *Nurse practitioner certification.*

A certified nurse practitioner with the authority to prescribe drugs, including controlled substances, in accordance with the practice agreement and practice protocols between the nurse practitioner and the collaborating physician, is not required to obtain a physician to approve or counter-sign any prescription. The name of the physician is not required to appear on the prescription form. By law, the agreement and protocols set forth the collaborative relationship between the doctor and nurse practitioner. *Formal Opinion No. 92-F2; 1992 N.Y. 2, June 1, 1992.*

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**Table 66: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW YORK**

Health Professional		Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
		Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice			X			X			X
	Midwife			X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X			X		
	Practical Nurse			X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X	X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X			X
	Vocational			X			X			X
Pharmacists				X			X			X
Physician Assistants				X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurse Practitioner:

1. The practice of the profession of nursing as a registered professional nurse is defined as diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as . . . provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being, and executing medical regimens prescribed by a licensed . . . physician . . . or other licensed health care provider. . . . A nursing regimen shall be consistent with and shall not vary any existing medical regimen. . . . 3. (b) Prescriptions for . . . immunizing agents may be issued by a nurse practitioner . . . in accordance with the practice agreement and practice protocols. . . § 6902. *Definition of practice of nursing.*

4. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse . . . consistent with the public health law, for: (a) administering . . . immunizations.
§ 6909. *Special provision.*

(f) Prescriptive privilege. . . . [A] nurse practitioner may . . . issue prescriptions . . . after completing instruction . . . relating to prescriptions and recordkeeping. § 64.4 *Nurse practitioner certification.*

Registered Nurse:

3. (a) The practice of registered professional nursing by a nurse practitioner . . . may include the diagnosis of illness and physical conditions and the performance of therapeutic and corrective measures within a specialty area of practice, in collaboration with a licensed physician qualified to collaborate in the specialty involved, provided such services are performed in accordance with a written practice agreement and written practice protocols. The written practice agreement shall include explicit provisions for the resolution of any disagreement between the collaborating physician and the nurse practitioner regarding a matter of diagnosis or treatment that is within the scope of practice of both. To the extent the practice agreement does not so provide, then the collaborating physician's diagnosis or treatment shall prevail. *NY CLS Educ § 6902. Definition of practice of nursing.*

(a) Immunizations. (1) . . . a registered professional nurse shall be authorized to administer immunization agents . . . pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed and ordered by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner (2) Authorized immunization agents. (i) Adult immunizations. A registered professional nurse . . . shall be authorized to administer the following immunization agents to patients 18 years of age or older, pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed and ordered by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner (ii) Child immunizations. A registered professional nurse . . . who is employed or is acting as an agent for the Visiting Nurses Association or other equivalent organization as determined by the department that is legally authorized to provide nursing services, or for a State, county, municipal or other government agency, shall be authorized to administer the following immunization agents to patients under the age of 18, pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed and ordered by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner. . . . (iii) Epidemics. . . . [A] registered professional nurse . . . shall be authorized to administer to patients, pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed and ordered by a licensed physician or a nurse practitioner . . . any immunization agents authorized under such order and protocol to be administered as part of an immunization program maintained, authorized, or under the auspices of the Commissioner of Health, a county commissioner of health, or a county public health director, when such an immunization program is instituted pursuant to an epidemic declared by such official. . . . (4) Order and Protocol . . . (iii) The protocol, incorporated into the order prescribed in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, shall require the registered professional nurse to meet the following requirements:(a) The registered professional nurse shall ensure that each potential recipient is assessed for untoward conditions that would preclude immunization(s) and each recipient's record of immunization with manufacturer and lot number or a potential

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UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NEW YORK**

Health Professional		Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
		<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice			X			X			X
	Midwife			X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X			X		
	Practical Nurse			X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X	X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X			X
	Vocational			X			X			X
Pharmacists				X			X			X
Physician Assistants				X	X					X

recipient's refusal to be immunized shall be documented in accordance with section 29.2(a)(3) of this Title. **8 NYCRR § 64.7 Immunizations, emergency treatment of anaphylaxis, and purified protein derivative (PPD) mantoux tuberculin skin tests pursuant to non-patient specific orders and protocols.**

Physician Assistant:

(e) Prescriptions and medical orders may be written by a registered physician's assistant . . . when assigned by the supervising physician. (1) A registered physician's assistant may write a prescription for a patient who is under the care of the physician responsible for the supervision of the registered physician's assistant. . . . (6) A registered physician's assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital may, if permissible under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the hospital, write medical orders, including those for controlled substances, for inpatients under the care of the physician responsible for his supervision. In every case, medical orders so written shall be countersigned by the supervising physician within 24 hours, but such countersignature shall not be required prior to the execution of any such order. **10 NYCRR § 94.2 (2005) § 94.2 Supervision and scope of duties**

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**Table 67: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NORTH CAROLINA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.	X				X	X		
	Midwife			X		X			X
	Nurse Practitioner			X		X			X
	Practical Nurse			X		X			X
	Prescriptive Practice			X		X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor			X		X			X
Vocational			X		X			X	
Pharmacists	X					X		X	
Physician Assistants			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(7) The ‘practice of nursing by a registered nurse’ consists of the following 10 components: a. Assessing the patient’s physical and mental health, including the patient’s reaction to illnesses and treatment regimens . . . (8) The “practice of nursing by a licensed practical nurse” consists of the following seven components: (a) Participating in the assessment of the patient’s physical and mental health, including the patient’s reaction to illnesses and treatment regimens. . . f. Implementing the treatment and pharmaceutical regimen prescribed by any person authorized by State law to prescribe the regimen. *N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-171.20 (2005) Definitions*

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

c) Clinical nurse specialist scope of practice incorporates the basic components of nursing practice . . . which includes: (1) assessing clients' health status, synthesizing and analyzing multiple sources of data, and identifying alternative possibilities as to the nature of a healthcare problem. . . (4) . . . implementing therapeutic and corrective nursing measures. *21 N.C.A.C. 36.0228 (2005) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE*

Pharmacist:

(r) A pharmacist may . . . assess, record and report adverse drug and device reactions; take and record patient histories relating to drug and device therapy. *N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-85.3 (2005) Definitions*

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**Table 68: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NORTH CAROLINA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
NURSES	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X					X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(7) The ‘practice of nursing by a registered nurse’ consists of the following 10 components: . . . e. Collaborating with other health care providers in determining the appropriate health care for a patient but . . . not prescribing a medical treatment regimen or making a medical diagnosis, except under supervision of a licensed physician. *N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-171.20 (2005) Definitions*

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

c) Clinical nurse specialist scope of practice incorporates the basic components of nursing practice . . . as well as the understanding and application of nursing principles at an advanced level in his/her area of clinical nursing specialization which includes: . . . (4) prescribing . . . therapeutic and corrective nursing measures . . . *21 N.C.A.C. 36.0228 (2005) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE*

Nurse Practitioner:

(b) Nurse practitioners are authorized to write prescriptions for drugs under the following conditions . . . (4) The supervising physician has provided to the nurse practitioner written instructions about indications and contraindications for prescribing drugs and a written policy for periodic review by the physician of the drugs prescribed. (c) Nurse practitioners are authorized to compound and dispense drugs under the following conditions: (1) The function is performed under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist; and (2) Rules and regulations of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy governing this function are complied with. (d) Nurse practitioners are authorized to order medications, tests and treatments in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and other health facilities under the following conditions: . . . (3) The supervising physician has provided to the nurse practitioner written instructions about ordering medications, tests and treatments, and when appropriate, specific oral or written instructions for an individual patient, with provision for review by the physician of the order within a reasonable time, as determined by the Board, after the medication, test or treatment is ordered; and (4) The hospital or other health facility has adopted a written policy, approved by the medical staff after consultation with the nursing administration, about ordering medications, tests and treatments, including procedures for verification of the nurse practitioners' orders by nurses and other facility employees and such other procedures as are in the interest of patient health and safety. (e) Any prescription written by a nurse practitioner or order given by a nurse practitioner for medications, tests or treatments shall be deemed to have been authorized by the physician approved by the boards as the supervisor of the nurse practitioner and such supervising physician shall be responsible for authorizing such prescription or order. (f) Any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who receives an order from a nurse practitioner for medications, tests or treatments is authorized to perform that order in the same manner as if it were received from a licensed physician. *N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-18.2 (2005) Limitations on nurse practitioners*

(b) Prescribing and dispensing stipulations are as follows: (1) Drugs . . . that may be prescribed by the nurse practitioner in each practice site shall be included in the collaborative practice agreement . . . (2) Controlled Substances (Schedules II, IIN, III, IIIN, IV, V) defined by the State and Federal Controlled Substances Acts may be procured, prescribed or ordered as established in the collaborative practice agreement. . . (3) The nurse practitioner may prescribe a drug . . . not included in the collaborative practice agreement only as follows: (A) upon a specific written or verbal order obtained from a primary or back-up supervising physician before the prescription or order is issued by the nurse practitioner. *21 N.C.A.C. 36.0809 (2005) PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY*

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UNDER STANDING ORDERS
NORTH CAROLINA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X					X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

A nurse practitioner shall be held accountable by both Boards for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of personal health services. . . with physician supervision and collaboration . . . These services include but are not restricted to . . . (5) prescribing. . . therapeutic measures, tests, procedures and drugs; . . . **21 N.C.A.C. 32M.0102 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

(a) The prescribing stipulations . . . apply to writing prescriptions and ordering the administration of medications. (b) Prescribing and dispensing stipulations are as follows: (1) Drugs . . . that may be prescribed by the nurse practitioner in each practice site shall be included in the collaborative practice agreement . . .(3) The nurse practitioner may prescribe a drug . . . not included in the collaborative practice agreement only as follows: (A) upon a specific written or verbal order obtained from a primary or back-up supervising physician before the prescription or order is issued by the nurse practitioner . . . **21 N.C.A.C. 32M.0109 (2005) PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY**

A nurse practitioner shall be held accountable . . . for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of personal health services . . . with physician supervision and collaboration . . . These services include but are not restricted to: . . . (5) prescribing, administering . . . drugs. **21 N.C.A.C. 36.0802 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Physician Assistant:

(b) Physician assistants are authorized to write prescriptions for drugs under the following conditions: . . .(4) The supervising physician has provided to the physician assistant written instructions about indications and contraindications for prescribing drugs and a written policy for periodic review by the physician of the drugs prescribed. **N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-18.1 (2005) Limitations on physician assistants**

(a) Physician assistants perform medical acts, tasks or functions with physician supervision. Physician assistants perform those duties and responsibilities, including the prescribing . . . of drugs . . . that are delegated by their supervising physician(s). **21 N.C.A.C. 32S.0108 (2005) SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

A physician assistant is authorized to . . . administer drugs . . . subject to the following conditions . . . (2) The physician assistant has received from the supervising physician written instructions for prescribing and administering drugs . . . and a written policy for periodic review by the physician of these instructions and policy . . . **21 N.C.A.C. 32S.0109 (2005) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

Pharmacist:

(a) The purpose of this section is to provide standards for pharmacists engaged in the administration of influenza vaccines . . . (c) . . . (1) Pharmacists must follow a written protocol . . . for administration of influenza vaccines and the treatment of severe adverse events following administration. . . (5) The pharmacist shall not administer influenza vaccines to patients under 18 years of age. **21 N.C.A.C. 32U.0101 (2005) ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY PHARMACISTS**

(r) . . . A pharmacist who has received special training may be authorized and permitted to administer drugs pursuant to a specific prescription order. . . . An approved clinical pharmacist practitioner may collaborate with physicians in determining the appropriate health care for a patient. . . . **N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-85.3 (2005) Definitions**

(e) Pharmacists may administer drugs . . . **1 21 N.C.A.C. 36.0221 (2005) LICENSE REQUIRED**

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**Table 69: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
NORTH DAKOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X				X	X		
	Midwife	X				X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse			X		X			X
	Prescriptive Practice	X				X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor			X		X			X
	Vocational			X		X			X
	Pharmacist			X		X			X
	Physician Assistant			X		X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

5. "Nursing" means . . . a. The maintenance of health and prevention of illness. b. Diagnosing human responses to actual or potential health problems c. medication administration . . . **N.D. Cent. Code § 43-12.1-02 (2005) Definitions**

Registered Nurse:

The registered nurse: 1. Conducts and documents nursing assessments of health status of individuals, families, and groups, and communities by: a. Collecting objective and subjective data from observations, examinations, interviews, and written records. The scope and depth of the nursing assessment is determined by the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the registered nurse and by the client's immediate condition or needs. The assessment will consider: . . . (4) Health history; (5) Information collected by other health team members . . . (11) Such additional data as may be necessary to assess health status . . . 4. Implements the plan of care and the nursing interventions for the client under the registered nurse's care by . . . h. Executing the regimen prescribed by a licensed practitioner . . . **N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-02-02.1 (2005) Registered nurse responsibility to implement the nursing process**

Prescriptive Practice:

6. "Prescriptive practices" means assessing the need for drugs, immunizing agents, or devices . . . **N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-12.1-02 (2005) Definitions**

Advanced Practice:

1. Practice as an advanced practice nurse may include: . . . c. . . administering . . . legend drugs and controlled substances . . . **N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-03.2 (2005) Scope of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse**

Advanced Practice, Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner

The advanced practice registered nurse has evolved into the roles of clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, and nurse practitioner. . . The advanced practice registered nurse functions in any setting as a member of the interdisciplinary team and provides care to the fullest extent of the scope of practice which includes: 1. Complete the assessment of the health status and health needs based on interpretation of health-related data and preventive health services . . . **N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-03.1 (2005) Standards of practice for the advanced registered nurse**

1. Practice as an advanced practice nurse may include: a. Perform a comprehensive assessment of clients and synthesize and analyze data within a nursing framework . . . **N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-03.2 (2005) Scope of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse**

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**Table 70: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
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NORTH DAKOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X						X
	Practical Nurse	X					X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X						X
E S	Registered Nurse		X						X
	RN Supervisor		X						X
	Vocational		X						X
Pharmacist			X	X			X		
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Practical Nurse:

The licensed practical nurse assists in implementing the nursing process. The licensed practical nurse under the direction of the registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed practitioner: 1. Contributes to the assessment of health status of individuals including interactions of individuals with family members or group members, by: a. Collecting basic objective and subjective data from observations, examinations, interviews, and written records. The scope and the depth of data collection is determined by the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the licensed practical nurse and by the client’s immediate condition or needs. Data collection will consider: . . . (4) Health history (5) Information collected by other health member teams . . .(10) Such additional data as may be necessary to assess health status. . . 4. Participates in implementing the nursing plan of care and the nursing interventions for the client under the licensed practical nurse’s care by: . . . h. Administering medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed practitioner. . . *N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-01-02.1 (2005) Licensed practical nurse’s contribution to, and responsibility for, the nursing process*

Advanced Practice:

6. “Prescriptive practices” means assessing the need for drugs, immunizing agents, or devices and writing a prescription to be filled by a licensed pharmacist . . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-12.1-02 (2005) Definitions*

The board shall consult with the medical profession in the establishment of prescriptive practice standards for advanced practice registered nurses. Prescriptive practices must be consistent with the scope of practice of the advanced practice registered nurse and include evidence of a collaborative agreement with a licensed physician. . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-12.1-18 (2005) Nursing practice standards*

1. Practice as an advanced practice nurse may include: . . . c. Prescribe a therapeutic regimen of health care, including diagnosing, prescribing . . . legend drugs and controlled substances . . . *N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-03.2 (2005) Scope of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse*

Applicants for prescriptive authority shall: . . . 1. Be currently registered as an advanced practice registered nurse in North Dakota. . . 4. Submit an affidavit from the licensed physician who will be participating in the collaborative prescriptive agreement acknowledging the manner of review and approval of the planned prescriptive practices. Information in the affidavit must also indicate that the advanced registered nurse’s scope of prescriptive practice is appropriately related to the collaborating physician’s medical specialty or practice. The affidavit must address all of the following area: a. Broad classifications of drugs or devices to be commonly prescribed by the advanced practice registered nurse . . . *N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-09 (2005) Requirements for prescriptive authority*

3. The advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority may prescribe drugs as defined . . . *N.D. Admin. Code 54-05-03.1-10 (2005) Authority to prescribe*

Physician Assistant

A physician assistant may prescribe medications as delegated to do so by a supervising physician. This may include schedule III through V controlled substances; however, a physician assistant may not prescribe schedule II controlled substances. . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-17-02.1 (2005) Physician assistant – Limitations on prescribing drugs*

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NORTH DAKOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X						X
	Practical Nurse	X					X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X						X
	Registered Nurse		X						X
	RN Supervisor		X						X
	Vocational		X						X
Pharmacist			X	X			X		
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

Physician assistants may perform only those duties and responsibilities that are delegated by their supervising physicians. No supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant any duty or responsibility for which the physician assistant has not been adequately trained. Physician assistants are the agents of their supervising physicians in the performance of all practice-related activities. A physician assistant may provide patient care only in those areas of medical practice where the supervising physician provides patient care. *N.D. Admin. Code 50-03-01-06 (2005) Assistant's functions limited*

Pharmacist:

1. A licensed pharmacist in an institutional setting has limited prescriptive practices to initiate or modify drug therapy following diagnosis and initial patient assessment by a licensed physician, under the supervision of the same licensed physician, in accordance with this section. An institutional setting . . . is a hospital, a physician clinic, a skilled nursing facility, or a swing bed facility in which a patient's medical records are readily available to the licensed physician and the licensed pharmacist. 2. The licensed physician and the licensed pharmacist shall prepare a collaborative agreement concerning the scope of the pharmacist's prescriptive practices. The collaborative agreement, or an amendment to the agreement, is effective when approved by the board of medical examiners and the board of pharmacy. . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-15-31.4 (2005) Limited prescriptive practices*

1. A physician and pharmacist who are licensed and practicing their respective profession in this state are eligible . . . to enter into the collaborative agreement allowing the pharmacist to provide prescription drug therapy to patients in an institutional setting on a limited basis. . . *N.D. Admin. Code 61-04-08-03 (2005) Eligibility and approval*

1. "Administration" means the direct application of a drug to the body of a patient. a. The term includes: . . . (2) Immunization and vaccination by injection of an individual who is more than eighteen years of age, upon an order by a physician or nurse practitioner authorized to prescribe such a drug or by written protocol with a physician or nurse practitioner . . . 23. "Practice of pharmacy" means . . . drug administration . . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-15-01 (2005) Definitions*

Any pharmacist who administers drug by injection must have a certificate of authority from the board. The authority to administer a drug by injection may not be delegated. . . Rules adopted by the board under this section must include: . . . 4. Requirements for content of physician orders and protocols . . . *N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-15-31.5 (2005) Injection of drugs – Rules*

The order must be written, received electronically or if received orally be reduced to writing, and must contain at a minimum the: . . . 3. Identity of the medication or vaccine, and dose, to be administered . . . *N.D. Admin. Code 61-04-11-04 (2005) Requirements of physician or nurse practitioner order for a pharmacist to administer injections*

A physician or nurse practitioner may prepare a written protocol governing the administration of medications by injection with an authorized pharmacist for a specific period of time or purpose. . . The protocol must contain the: . . . 2. Identity of the immunization or vaccination which may be administered; 3. Identity of the patient or groups of patients to receive the authorized immunization or vaccination. . . 6. Identify of the location at which the pharmacist may administer the authorized immunization or vaccination . . . *N.D. Admin. Code 61-04-11-05 (2005) Requirement of written protocol*

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**Table 71: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
OHIO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Registered Nurse:
 As used in this chapter: (A) "Registered nurse" . . . Such nursing care includes . . . (3) Assessing health status for the purpose of providing nursing care . . . (D) "Assessing health status" means the collection of data through nursing assessment techniques, which may include interviews, observation, and physical evaluations for the purpose of providing nursing care. (E) "Licensed practical nurse" . . . Such nursing care includes: (1) Observation, patient teaching, and care in a diversity of health care settings . . . **ORC Ann. 4723.01 (2006) Definitions**

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UNDER STANDING ORDERS
OHIO**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
NURSE	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice	X		X	X				X
S	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Prescriptive Practice Nurse:

(A) A nurse who holds a current valid certificate to prescribe may prescribe a drug or therapeutic device provided the prescription is in accordance with: (1) The nurse's standard care arrangement; (2) The scope of practice in the nurse's specialty area; (3) The requirements of the formulary . . . and (4) The requirements of this chapter of the Administrative Code. (B) The nurse's prescriptive authority shall not exceed the prescriptive authority of the collaborating physician. . . (2) The nurse's prescriptive authority shall be in accordance with standards of practice imposed by state or federal law. . . (3) The nurse shall prescribe in a valid prescriber-patient relationship. This includes, but is not limited to: (a) Obtaining a thorough history of the patient; (b) Conducting a physical examination of the patient; (c) Rendering a diagnosis; (d) Prescribing medication, ruling out the existence of any recognized contraindications; (e) Consulting with the collaborating physician when necessary . . . *OAC Ann. 4723-9-09 (Anderson 2005) Standards of prescribing for nurses with a certificate to prescribe*

Registered Nurse and Practical Nurse:

(A) "Registered nurse" . . . (B) . . . Such nursing care includes . . . (5) Administering medications, treatments, and executing regimens authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice . . . (F) "The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" . . . Such nursing care includes . . . (3) Administration of medications and treatments authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice . . . Medications may be administered by a licensed practical nurse upon proof of completion of a course in medication administration approved by the board of nursing. (4) Administration to an adult of intravenous therapy authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice, on the condition that the licensed practical nurse is authorized . . . to perform intravenous therapy and performs intravenous therapy only in accordance with those sections . . . *ORC Ann. 4723.01 (2006) Definitions*

Physician Assistant:

(B) Pursuant to a standard utilization plan as approved by the board, a supervising physician may authorize a physician assistant to perform the following functions: . . . (a) Obtaining comprehensive patient histories . . . (e) Assessing patients . . . (k) Screening patients to aid the supervising physician in determining the need for further medical attention . . . (o) Administering medication and intravenous fluids upon order of the supervising physician . . . (s) Carrying out or relaying the supervising physician's orders for medication, to the extent permitted under laws pertaining to drugs . . . *OAC Ann. 4731-4-01 (Anderson 2005) Standard functions.*

A physician assistant shall not perform services or acts including, but not limited to, the following: . . . (B) Prescribe any treatment or regimen not previously set forth by the supervising physician; (C) Prescribe medication; sign or stamp prescriptions on behalf of the supervising physician; have prescription blanks available that have been presigned or stamped by the physician; or dispense or order medication, although the supervising physician's order for medication may be carried out or relayed by the physician assistant in accordance with existing drug laws . . . *OAC Ann. 4731-4-04 (Anderson 2005) Physician assistant prohibitions*

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Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice	X		X	X				X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

Pharmacist:

(B) "Practice of pharmacy" means providing pharmacist care. . . As used in this division, "pharmacist care" includes the following . . . (9) Administering the adult immunizations . . . *ORC Ann. 4729.01 (2006) Definitions*

(A) A pharmacist licensed under this chapter who meets the requirements of division (B) of this section may administer adult immunizations for any of the following: (1) Influenza; (2) Pneumonia; (3) Tetanus; (4) Hepatitis A; (5) Hepatitis (B) To be authorized to administer the adult immunizations specified in division (A) of this section, a pharmacist shall. . . (3) Practice in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines specified in a protocol established by a physician and approved by the state board of pharmacy. The protocol shall include provisions requiring that the pharmacist do both of the following: (a) Observe an individual who has been immunized by the pharmacist to determine whether the individual has an adverse reaction to the immunization. The length of time and location of the observation shall be specified in rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy. . . (b) Not later than thirty days after administering an adult immunization to an individual, notify the individual's family physician or, if the individual has no family physician, the board of health of the health district in which the individual resides. (C) No pharmacist shall do either of the following: (1) Engage in the administration of adult immunizations by injection unless the requirements of division (B) of this section have been met; (2) Delegate to any person the pharmacist's authority to administer adult immunizations. . . *ORC Ann. 4729.41 (2006) Administration of certain adult immunizations by pharmacists*

(K) "Standing order" will mean the same as the term "protocol". (L) "Protocol" is defined as: (1) A definitive set of written treatment guidelines that include definitive orders for drugs and their specified dosages which have been authorized by a prescriber and have been approved by the state board of pharmacy. . . A protocol may be used only by licensed health care professionals when. . . (2) A definitive set of written treatment guidelines that include definitive orders for drugs and their specified dosages which have been authorized by a prescriber and have been approved by the state board of pharmacy. . . A protocol may be used only by licensed health care professionals when administering biologicals or vaccines to individuals for the purpose of preventing diseases . . . *OAC Ann. 4729-5-01 (Anderson 2005) Definitions*

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**Table 73: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
OKLAHOMA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Registered Nurse:
 3. "Registered nursing" means the practice of the full scope of nursing which includes, but is not limited to: a. assessing the health status of individuals, families and groups, b. analyzing assessment data to determine nursing care needs . . . l. collaborating with other health professionals in the management of health care. . . *59 Okl. St. § 567.3a (2005) Definitions*

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders - Fall 2006

**Table 74: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
OKLAHOMA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse	X				X			
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			
	Registered Nurse		X			X			
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			
	Vocational		X			X			
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant	X		X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

4. “Licensed professional nursing” means the practice of nursing under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. This directed scope of nursing practice includes, but is not limited to: a. contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups . . .

Nurse Practitioner. Nurse Midwife:

An advanced registered nurse practitioner . . . shall be eligible . . . to prescribe . . . subject to the medical direction of a supervising physician. . . c. A clinical nurse specialist in accordance with the scope of practice of such clinical nurse specialist shall be eligible . . . to prescribe . . . subject to the medical direction of a supervising physician. . . 8. . . A certified nurse-midwife. . . shall be eligible . . . to prescribe, as defined by the rules promulgated by the Board . . . and subject to the medical direction of a supervising physician . . . *59 Okl. St. § 567.3a*

Definitions

Nurse Practitioner:

(2) The ARNP is responsible and accountable for the continuous and comprehensive management of a broad range of health services which include, but are not limited to: . . . (C) diagnosis and prescription of medications, treatments, and devices . . . (F) consultation and/or collaboration with other health care providers and community resources . . . *O.A.C. § 485:10-15-6 (2005) Practice as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner*

Advanced Practice Nurse and Nurse Midwife:

Prescribing authority shall be allowed, under the medical direction of a supervising physician, for an advanced practice nurse . . . in one of the following categories: advanced registered nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, or certified nurse-midwives. The advanced practice nurse may write or sign, or transmit by word of mouth, telephone or other means of communication an order for drugs or medical supplies that is intended to be filled, compounded, or dispensed by a pharmacist. The supervising physicians and the advanced practice nurse shall be identified at the time of origination of the prescription and the name of the advanced practice nurse shall be printed on the prescription label. *59 Okl. St. § 353.1a (2005) Advanced practice nurses - - Prescribing authority*

Physician Assistant:

As used in the Physician Assistant Act: . . . 3. “Health care services” means services which require training in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, including the use and administration of drugs, and which are performed by physician assistants under the supervision and at the direction of physicians. Such services include, but are not limited to: a. initially approaching a patient of any age group in a patient care setting to elicit a detailed history, performing a physical examination, delineating problems and recording the data . . . d. ordering and performing routine procedures such as injections, immunizations . . . *59 Okl. St. § 519.2 (2005) Definitions*

(a) Health care services allowed. A physician assistant may perform the following health care services under the supervision and at the direction of the supervising physician. Such services include, but are not limited to: (1) Initially approach a patient of any age group in a patient care setting to elicit a detailed history . . . (4) Order . . . or perform routine procedures such as injections, immunizations . . . *O.A.C. § 435:15-5-1.1 (2005) Health care services performed and prohibited*

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**Table 74: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
OKLAHOMA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse	X							X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X					X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
Vocational			X					X	
Pharmacist			X				X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

Pharmacy:

B. The Board of Pharmacy shall develop and prepare permanent rules relating to training requirements and administration of immunizations and therapeutic injections in consultation within the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. C. A pharmacist who has completed a requisite course of training . . . may administer immunizations and therapeutic injections only upon patient specific orders from an osteopathic physician or allopathic physician. D. In the case of both immunization and therapeutic injection to be administered by a pharmacist, the required patient specific prescriptions shall be written in accordance with rules promulgated by the licensing board of the licensed practitioner issuing the prescription. *59 Okl. St. § 353.30 (2005) Use of agreements - - Training requirements and administration of immunizations and therapeutic injections*

(a) A pharmacist may administer drugs that have been dispensed on orders from a prescribing practitioner. . . **O.A.C. § 535:10-9-13 (2005)**
Administer

(a) A D.Ph. must have completed an approved training course and received registration for immunization with the Board prior to administering immunizations. (b) A D.Ph. shall administer immunizations only on the patient specific prescription order of a prescribing practitioner. . . *O.A.C. § 535:10-11-3 (2005) D.Ph. administering of immunization requirements*

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**Table 75: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
OREGON**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists						X			
Physician Assistants						X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurse:

(8) “Practice of nursing” means diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as identification thereof . . . and providing care supportive to . . . life and well-being. . . . Practice of nursing includes executing medical orders as prescribed by a physician.

ORS § 678.010. Definitions for ORS 678.010 to 678.410.

Nurse Practitioner:

(4) A registered nurse, certified as a nurse practitioner, is authorized to prescribe drugs for the use of and administration to other persons if approval has been given under ORS 678.390. The drugs which the nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe shall be included within the certified nurse practitioner’s scope of practice as defined by rules of the board. *ORS § 678.375 (2003). Nurse practitioners; certificates; prohibitions; authority to sign Death certificates; drug prescriptions.*

(1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may grant to a certified nurse practitioner the privilege of writing prescriptions described in the formulary under [other section of state law]. *ORS § 678.390 (2003). Authority of nurse practitioner to write prescriptions or dispense drugs; notice; requirements; revocation; rules.*

Pharmacist:

The practice of pharmacy means . . . the administering of vaccines and immunizations pursuant to ORS 689.645 . . . the responsibility for advising, where necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices. *ORS § 689.015 (2003) Practice of pharmacy defined.*

(1) In accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy . . . a pharmacist may administer vaccines and immunization only to persons who are more than 18 years of age. *ORS §689.645 (2003) Authority to administer vaccines and immunizations; Immunization Advisory Committee; rules.*

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**Table 76: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
OREGON**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X	X		
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists			X	X				X	
Physician Assistants			X	X		X			

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Registered Nurse:

(6) A registered nurse who is an employee of a local health department established under the authority of a county or district board of health and registered by the board . . . may, pursuant to the order of a person authorized to prescribe a drug or device, dispense a drug or device to a client of the health department for purposes of . . . prevention or treatment of a communicable disease. **ORS § 689.605 (2003)**
Authority to dispense drugs from hospital pharmacies, drug rooms and penal institutions; rules.

Registered Nurse Supervisor:

(1) In a hospital or long term care facility having a pharmacy and employing a pharmacist, the pharmacy and pharmacist are subject to the requirements of this chapter, except that in a hospital when a pharmacist is not in attendance, pursuant to standing orders of the pharmacist, a registered nurse supervisor on the written order of a person authorized to prescribe a drug may withdraw such drug in such volume or amount as needed for administration to or treatment of an inpatient or outpatient until regular pharmacy services are available in accordance with the rules adopted by the board. However, the State Board of Pharmacy may grant an exception to the requirement for a written order by issuing a special permit authorizing the registered nurse supervisor in a hospital to dispense medication on the oral order of a person authorized to prescribe a drug. **Authority to dispense drugs from hospital pharmacies, drug rooms and penal institutions; rules.**

Under Section 678.015, registered nurses may administer immunizations when they have been prescribed by a person authorized to practice medicine or other specified healing arts. The physician is not required to be physically present on the premises when the ordered services are performed by a licensed nurse. **No. 6682. 34 Op. Atty Gen. Ore. 900 (1969). NOTE: Section 678.015 has been repealed.**

Physician Assistant:

(5) A supervising physician, upon the approval of the board and in accordance with the rules established by the board, may delegate to the physician assistant the authority to administer and dispense limited emergency medications and to prescribe medications pursuant to this section and [the state law]. **ORS § 677.515 (2003) Medical services rendered by physician assistant.**

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**Table 77: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER OWN LICENSE
PENNSYLVANIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant	X					X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

Physician assistants may be permitted to perform the following functions. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. (1) Screen patients to determine need for medical attention. (2) Review patient records to determine health status. (3) Take a patient history. (4) Perform a physical examination. . . . (14) Provide counseling and instruction regarding common patient problems. *49 Pa. Code § 18.151 (2005) Role of physician assistant*

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**Table 78: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
PENNSYLVANIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X			X		
	Nurse Practitioner	X		X					X
	Practical Nurse			X			X	X	
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X		X
	Registered Nurse			X	X		X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational			X			X		X
	Pharmacist			X			X	X	
Physician Assistant			X	X		X			

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (C.R.N.P.) -- A registered nurse . . . who is certified . . . in a particular clinical specialty area and who, while functioning in the expanded role as a professional nurse, performs acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures in collaboration with and under the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this Commonwealth. (63 P. S. § 212). **49 Pa. Code § 18.21 (2005) Definitions**

A CRNP may prescribe and dispense drugs **49 Pa. Code § 18.53 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing drugs; 49 Pa. Code § 21.283 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing drugs**

(b) A CRNP may prescribe and dispense a drug relevant to the area of practice of the CRNP from the following categories if that authorization is documented in the collaborative agreement (unless the drug is limited or excluded under this or another subsection): . . . (17) Serums, toxoids and vaccines. . . **49 Pa. Code § 18.54 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing parameters; 49 Pa. Code § 21.284 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing parameters**

(a) A certified registered nurse practitioner may prescribe medical therapeutic or corrective measures if the nurse . . . (2) is acting in collaboration with a physician as set forth in a written agreement. **63 P.S. § 218.3 (2005) Prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners.**

Registered Nurse:

(a) Immunization and skin testing is a proper function of a registered nurse . . . and the function may not be performed unless all of the following conditions are met: (1) A written order has been issued by a licensed physician. The order may be a standing order applicable to individuals or groups. (2) The policies and procedures under which the registered nurse may administer immunizing agents and do skin testing have been established by a committee representing the nurses, the physicians and the administration of the agency or institution. These written policies and procedures shall be available to the nurse. The committee shall also perform the following functions: (i) Identify the immunizing and skin testing agents which the nurse may administer. (ii) Determine contraindications for the administration of specific immunizing and skin testing agents. (iii) Outline medical principles governing the treatment of possible anaphylactic reactions. (iv) Establish instruction and supervised practice required to insure competency in administering immunizing and skin testing agents. (b) Following skin testing, the size of the induration or its absence may be observed and recorded by the properly instructed registered nurse. **49 Pa. Code § 21.16 (2005) Immunizations**

Midwife:

The midwife is authorized and required to do the following (3) Prescribe medical, therapeutic and diagnostic measures for essentially normal women and their normal neonates in accordance with the midwife protocol or a collaborative agreement, or both. (4) Administer specified drugs as provided in collaborative agreements or as directed by a collaborating physician for a specific patient and, if specifically authorized to do so in a collaborative agreement, relay to other health care providers medical regimens prescribed by the collaborating physician, including drug regimens. . . . **49 Pa. Code § 18.6 (2005) Practice of midwifery**

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**Table 78: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
PENNSYLVANIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X			X		
	Nurse Practitioner	X		X					X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X			X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist		X			X	X			
Physician Assistant		X	X	X		X			

Practical Nurse:

(b) The LPN administers medication and carries out the therapeutic treatment ordered for the patient in accordance with the following: (1) The LPN may accept a written order for medication and therapeutic treatment from a practitioner authorized by law and by facility policy to issue orders for medical and therapeutic measures. (2) The LPN may accept an oral order if the following conditions are met . . . (e) The LPN may administer immunizing agents and do skin testing only if the following conditions are met: (1) The LPN has . . . satisfactorily completed a . . . program . . . intended to provide training necessary for administering immunizing agents and for performing skin testings. (2) A written order has been issued by a licensed physician pertaining to an individual patient or group of patients. (3) Written policies and procedures under which the LPN may administer immunizing agents and do skin testing have been established by a committee representing the nurses, the physicians and the administration of the agency or institution employing or having jurisdiction over the LPN. . . The policies and procedures shall provide for: (i) Identification of the immunizing and skin testing agents which the LPN may administer. (ii) Determination of contraindications for the administration of specific immunizing and skin testing agents. (iii) The listing, identification, description and explanation of principles, including technical and clinical indications, necessary for the identification and treatment of possible adverse reactions. (iv) Instruction and supervised practice required to insure competency in administering immunizing and skin testing agents. . . **49 Pa. Code § 21.145 (2005) Functions of the LPN**

Physician Assistant:

Physician assistants may be permitted to perform the following functions. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. . . . (viii) Administration of medications. **49 Pa. Code § 18.151 (2005) Role of physician assistant**

(a) A physician assistant may not: (1) Provide medical services except as described in the written agreement. (2) Prescribe or dispense drugs except as described in the written agreement. . . . (9) Perform a medical service without the supervision of a physician assistant supervisor. **49 Pa. Code § 18.152 (2005) Prohibitions**

(a) (1) Categories from which a physician assistant may prescribe and dispense without limitation are as follows . . . (xii) Serums, toxoids and vaccines . . . (b) If the physician assistant supervisor intends to authorize a physician assistant to prescribe or dispense drugs, the supervisor shall: . . . (4) Assume full responsibility for every prescription issued and drug dispensed by a physician assistant under his supervision. . . **49 Pa. Code § 18.158 (2005) Prescribing and dispensing drugs**

(f) DRUGS.-- A physician assistant shall not independently prescribe or dispense drugs. **63 P.S. § 422.13 (2005) Physician assistants**

Pharmacist:

(a) Within eighteen months from the effective date of this section, the board shall by regulation establish education and training standards and practice guidelines pursuant to which pharmacists shall be authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations to persons who are more than eighteen years of age. Such standards and guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following . . . (3) That the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations be in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines established by a physician and approved by the board. (4) That a minimum of two hours of the thirty-hour requirement for continuing education for license renewal be dedicated to this area of practice. (b) A pharmacist's authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations shall not be delegated to any other person. **63 P.S. § 390-9.2 (2005) Authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations**

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**Table 79: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
RHODE ISLAND**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacists		X			X			X	
Physician Assistants			XX			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Rhode Island does not address any element of immunization practice for non-physicians under their own license.

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**Table 80: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
RHODE ISLAND**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice								X
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X				X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse	X							X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
	Vocational			X					X
	Pharmacist			X					X
Physician Assistant			X	X				X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse practitioner and Registered Nurse:

(3) "Certified registered nurse practitioner" is an advanced practice nurse utilizing independent knowledge of physical assessment and management of health care and illnesses. The practice includes prescriptive privileges. The practice includes collaboration with other licensed health care professionals including, but not limited to, physicians, pharmacists, podiatrists, dentists and nurses . . . (10) "Professional nursing" is practiced by registered nurses (R.N.s). The practice of professional nursing is a dynamic process of assessment of an individual's health status, identification of health care needs, determination of health care goals with the individual and/or family participation and the development of a plan of nursing care to achieve these goals. Each R.N. is directly accountable and responsible to the consumer for the nursing care rendered. *R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-3 (2006) Definitions*

Nurse Practitioner:

(a) Prescriptive privileges for the certified registered nurse practitioner: . . . (2) Shall include prescription of legend medications and prescription of controlled substances from schedules II, III, IV and V . . . and (3) Must not include controlled substances from Schedule I. (b) A certified registered nurse practitioner (R.N.P.) . . . is permitted to prescribe in accordance with annually updated guidelines, written in collaboration with the medical director or physician consultant of their individual establishments. *R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-39 (2006)*

Process for prescriptive privileges of certified registered nurse practitioner

Physician Assistant:

(a) Physician assistants shall practice with physician supervision. Physician assistants may perform those duties and responsibilities consistent with the limitations of this section, including prescribing of drugs and medical devices, which are delegated by their supervising physician(s). . . Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a physician assistant may perform health care services when those services are rendered under the supervision of a licensed physician. . . *R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-54-8 (2006) Permitted health care practices by physician assistants*

6.1 Physician assistants practice with physician supervision. Physician assistants may perform those duties and responsibilities . . . including prescribing of drugs and medical devices, that are delegated by their supervising physician(s). . . 6.2 Physician assistants, depending upon their level of professional training and experience, as determined by a supervising physician, may perform health care services consistent with their expertise and that of the supervising physician who is a licensed physician in solo practice, in group practice, or in health care facilities. . . 6.4.3 Physician assistants employed directly by physicians, health maintenance organizations or other health care delivery organizations may prescribe legend medications, including schedules II, III, IV, and V medications . . . medical therapies, medical devices and medical diagnostics according to guidelines established by the employing physician, health maintenance organization, or other health care delivery organization. 6.4.4 Prescriptive privileges for physician assistants shall be granted for all legend medications, including controlled substances from schedules II, III, IV, and V, in accordance with the agreement developed by the supervising physician and the physician assistant. 6.4.5 If a physician assistant does prescribe controlled substances from schedules II, III, IV, and V . . . he/she must obtain a state registration for prescribing controlled substances from the Board of Pharmacy, as well as a federal registration. . . . 8.2 The formulary committee shall develop a list of medications which physician assistants may prescribe. This list shall only apply in non-hospital settings. The committee shall submit a completed formulary to the Director and said formulary shall be updated annually by the formulary committee. *CRIR 14-140-033 (2004) Licensure of Physician Assistants*

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**Table 81: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER OWN LICENSE
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Registered Nurse:

(47) . . . The practice of registered nursing includes, but is not limited to: . . . (f) administering and delivering medications and treatments prescribed by an authorized licensed provider. . . *S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-20 (2004) Definitions*

Registered Nurse and Practical Nurse:

1.A(7). Subject to the rights of licensed physicians and dentists under their respective medical and dental practice acts, the administration of medications is recognized as the responsibility of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse as prescribed by the licensed physician or dentist. *S.C. Code Regs. 91-1A (2005 Definitions Applying to the Practice of Professional Nursing which Include Supervision and Delegation of Nursing Practice (40-33-10-f) and Additional Acts Performed by a Licensed Practical Nurse Approved by the Board (40-33-10-g)*

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**Table 82: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Clinical Nurse Spec.		X	X					X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
	Practical Nurse	X			X				X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X			X				X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse:

c. "Delegated Medical Acts" means those additional acts delegated by the physician that include formulating a medical diagnosis and prescribing drug therapy, under approved written protocols. . . *S.C. Code Regs. 91-1 (2005) Definition of Terms Applying to Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses.*

(47) . . . The practice of practical nursing includes, but is not limited to: (a) collecting health care data to assist in planning care of persons; (b) administering and delivering medications and treatments as prescribed by an authorized licensed provider; (c) implementing nursing interventions and tasks . . . (48) "Practice of registered nursing" means the performance of health care acts . . . that involve assessment, analysis, intervention, and evaluation. . . The practice of registered nursing includes, but is not limited to: (a) assessing the health status of persons and groups; (b) analyzing the health status of persons and groups; (c) establishing outcomes to meet identified health care needs of persons and groups; (d) prescribing nursing interventions to achieve outcomes; . . . (m) collaborating with other health care professionals in the management of health care. *S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-20 (2004) Definitions*

Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist:

(F)(1) Authorized prescriptions by a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist with prescriptive authority . . . (b) is limited to drugs and devices utilized to treat common well-defined medical problems within the specialty field of the nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, as authorized by the physician and listed in the approved written protocols. . . . (c) do not include prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances; however, Schedules III through V controlled substances may be prescribed if listed in the approved written protocol. *S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-34 (2004) Performance of delegated medical acts; qualifications; protocols; prescriptive authorization; anesthesia care*

Nurse Practitioner:

k. Standards for Authorized Prescriptions by the Nurse Practitioner with Prescriptive Authority. . . . 2. Prescriptions shall be limited to drugs and devices utilized to treat common well-defined medical problems within the specialty field of the nurse practitioner as authorized by the physician and listed in the approved written protocols. . . . 3. Controlled substances in Schedules II through IV cannot be prescribed. Controlled substances in Schedule V may be prescribed if listed in the approved written protocols. . . . *S.C. Code Regs. 91-6 (2005) Requirements for Official Recognition as a Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist Functioning in the Extended Role, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.*

Physician Assistant:

Physician assistants may perform: (1) medical acts, tasks, or functions with written scope of practice guidelines under physician supervision; (2) those duties and responsibilities, including the prescribing and dispensing of drugs . . . that are lawfully delegated by their supervising physicians. A physician assistant is an agent of his or her supervising physician in the performance of all practice related activities including, but not limited to, the ordering of diagnostic, therapeutic, and other medical services. *S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-935 (2004) Act and duties physician assistant authorized to perform; agency relationship to supervising physician*

A physician assistant may not: . . . (2) prescribe drugs, medications . . . not specifically authorized by the supervising physician and documented in the written scope of practice guidelines; (3) prescribe, under any circumstances, controlled substances in Schedules II through IV. *S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-970 (2004) Limitations on permissible tasks for physician assistant's.*

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**Table 83: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
SOUTH DAKOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
	Nurse Practitioner	X			X				X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X					X
	RN Supervisor			X					X
Vocational			X					X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Practitioner:

A nurse practitioner may perform the following overlapping scope of advanced practice nursing and medical functions . . . including: (1) The initial medical diagnosis and the institution of a plan of therapy or referral . (2) The prescription of medications . . . including controlled drugs or substances listed on Schedule II . . .for one period of not more than forty eight hours, for treatment of causative factors and symptoms . . . *S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-12 (2006)*

Nurse Midwife:

A nurse midwife may perform the following overlapping scope of advance practice nursing and medical functions . . .including: (4) Prescription of appropriate medications . . . including controlled drugs or substances listed on Schedule II . . . for one period of not more than forty-eight hours. . . *S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-13 (2006)*

Pharmacist:

A pharmacist may administer influenza immunizations to eligible patients eighteen years of age and older if the pharmacist has met the qualifications set forth by this chapter and has been granted authorization by the board. The board may issue a certificate authorizing this function to the pharmacists who meets the qualifications . . . The authority to administer influenza immunizations is valid only for the pharmacist meeting this requirement and may not be delegated to any other pharmacist or employee. *ARSD 20:51:28:01 (2005) Authority to administer influenza immunizations*

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**Table 84: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
SOUTH DAKOTA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
Physician Assistant		X			X			X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
Practical Nurse:
 As used in this chapter, the practice of licensed practical nursing means: . . . (4) . . . the administration of medications and treatments consistent with the practical nurse’s education and preparation under the direction of a physician licensed or exempt from licensing . . . dentist or registered nurse. *S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9-4 (2006)*

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Source: GWU/SPHHS Review of Standing Orders - Fall 2006

**Table 85: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
TENNESSEE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X							X
	Midwife			X					X
	Nurse Practitioner			X					X
	Practical Nurse			X					X
	Prescriptive Practice			X					X
	Registered Nurse			X			X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
Vocational			X			X		X	
Pharmacist			X			X		X	
Physician Assistant			X			X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(2) "Professional nursing" includes: . . . (D) Administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist or nurse authorized to prescribe . . . (b) . . . the practice of professional nursing does not include acts of medical diagnosis or the development of a medical plan of care and therapeutics for a patient, except to the extent such acts may be authorized by [state law]. *Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-103 (2005) "Practice of professional nursing" defined*

Advanced Practice Nurse:

(1) . . . [I]t shall be . . . a . . . violation . . . for an Advanced Practice Nurse, having proper authority to prescribe, to prescribe or dispense any drug to any individual . . . unless the Advanced Practice Nurse with proper authority to prescribe or the A.P.N.'s licensed supervisee and pursuant to appropriate protocols or orders, has completed and appropriately documented, for the person to whom a prescription is to be issued or drugs dispensed, all of the following: (a) Performed an appropriate history and physical examination; and (b) Made a diagnosis based upon the examinations and all diagnostic and laboratory tests consistent with good health care; and (c) Formulated a therapeutic plan, and discussed it, along with the basis for it and the risks and benefits of various treatments options, a part of which might be the prescription or dispensed drug, with the patient; and (d) Insured availability of the Advanced Practice Nurse with proper authority to prescribe, or coverage for the patient for appropriate follow-up care. . . *Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 1000-4-.09 (2005) PREREQUISITES TO PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING MEDICATIONS.*

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**Table 86: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
TENNESSEE**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
S	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X	X		
	Physician Assistant	X		X		X	X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurse Practitioner:

(2) The nurse practitioner . . . shall be authorized to prescribe and/or issue controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV and V . . . upon joint adoption of physician supervisory rules concerning controlled substances (3) (A) Any prescription written and signed or drug issued by a nurse practitioner under the supervision and control of a supervising physician shall be deemed to be that of the nurse practitioner. . . (D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a nurse practitioner from issuing a verbal prescription order. (4) The nurse practitioner shall maintain a copy of the protocol the nurse practitioner is using at the nurse practitioner's practice location and shall make the protocol available upon request by the board of nursing, the board of medical examiners or authorized agents of either board. . . *Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-123 (2005) Certified nurse practitioners -- Drug prescriptions -- Temporary certificate -- Rules and regulations*

It is the intent of these rules to maximize the collaborative practice of certified nurse practitioners and supervising physicians in a manner consistent with quality health care delivery. . . (2) Supervision does not require the continuous and constant presence of the supervising physician; however, the supervising physician must be available for consultation at all times or shall make arrangements for a substitute physician to be available. . . (5) Protocols are required and: . . . (e) Shall account for all protocol drugs by appropriate formulary; . . . *Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 0880-6-.02 (2005) CLINICAL SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS*

Physician Assistant:

(5) "Physician assistant" means an individual who renders services, whether diagnostic or therapeutic, that are acts constituting the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and . . . could only be performed by a licensed physician. *Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-19-102 (2005) Part definitions*

(13) The supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant working under the physician's supervision the authority to issue prescriptions or medication orders for legend drugs and controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV, and V . . . in accordance with written protocols which are mutually developed and agreed upon by the physician assistant and the supervising physician. **Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 0880-2-.18 (2005) SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

F) No drugs shall be dispensed by a physician assistant except under the supervision, control, and responsibility of the supervising physician; *Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-19-107 (2005) Restrictions on supervising physicians and assistants*

Pharmacists:

(1) To the extent that a medical order contains an order for the compounding, dispensing or administration of a prescription drug or device or related material, the medical order shall be treated as a prescription order. Written medical and prescription orders must be signed by the prescriber. Verbal medical and prescription orders must be immediately reduced to writing (by hand or other means), dated, and initialed by the authorized individual accepting the medical and prescription orders. . . *Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 1140-3-.03 (2005) MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION ORDERS; TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHARMACY*

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**Table 87: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
TEXAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X			X
	Practical Nurse			X			X		X
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X		X
	Registered Nurse	X					X		X
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational			X			X		X
Pharmacists			X			X		X	
Physician Assistants	X					X		X	

I. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(2) . . . Professional nursing involves: (A) the observation, assessment, intervention, evaluation . . . of a person. . . . (B) the maintenance of health or prevention of illness. *Tex Occ. Code § 301.002 (2004) Definitions*

Nurse Practitioner:

Attorney General Opinion: Advanced nurse practitioners may assess health status without the supervising physician being physically present. *Opinion No. H-1295, 1978 Tex. AG*

Physician Assistant:

(b) Medical services provided by a physician assistant may include: (1) obtaining patient histories . . . (9) signing or completing a prescription as provided by [other sections of the Texas code].

Tex Occ. Code § 204.202 (2004) Scope of Practice.

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**Table 88: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
TEXAS**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X			X			X	
	Midwife	X				X	X		
	Nurse Practitioner	X				X	X		
	Practical Nurse	X				X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X		X
	Registered Nurse	X			X			X	
	RN Supervisor	X					X	X	
Vocational	X			X			X		
Pharmacists	X					X	X		
Physician Assistants	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Advanced Practice Nurse:

Board of Nurse Examiners: (a) The advanced practice nurse with a valid prescription authorization numbers: (1) shall carry out or sign prescription drug orders for only those drugs that are: (A) authorized by protocols or other written authorization for medical aspects of patient care; and (B) prescribed or patient populations within the accepted scope of professional practice for the advanced practice nurse’s specialty area; and (2) shall comply with the requirements for adequate physician supervision. *Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority §222.4. Minimum Standards for Carrying Out or Signing Prescriptions.*

Nurse Practitioner:

Attorney General Opinion: A nurse practitioner may not generally provide medications to patients under standing and/or written orders unless the physician has prescribed for the individual patient. *Opinion No. H-1295, 1978 Tex. AG*

Registered Nurse:

(2) “Carrying out or signing a prescription drug order” means completing a prescription drug order presigned by the delegating physician, or the signing of a prescription by a registered nurse . . . after that person has been designated to the board by the delegating physician as a person delegated to sign a prescription. *Tex Occ. Code § 157.051 (2004) Definitions.*

(2) . . . Professional nursing involves: (C) the administration of a medication or treatment as ordered by a physician. *Tex Occ. Code § 301.002 (2004) Definitions.*

Vocational Nurse:

(c) The administration or provision of the drugs may be delegated through a physician’s order, as standing medical order, a standing delegation order, or another order defined by the Texas State Board of Medical examiners. . . . (e) A practitioner may designate a licensed vocational nurse or a person having education equivalent to or greater than that required for a licensed vocational nurse to communicate the prescriptions of an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant authorized by the practitioner to sign prescription drug orders under [other sections of Texas Code.]

Tex Occ. Code § 563.051 (2004) General Delegation of Administration and Provision of Dangerous Drugs

Physician Assistant:

(2) “Carrying out or signing a prescription drug order” means completing a prescription drug order presigned by the delegating physician, or the signing of a prescription by a . . . physician assistant after that person has been designated to the board by the delegating physician as a person delegated to sign a prescription. *Tex Occ. Code § 157.051 (2004) Definitions.*

Pharmacist:

(a) The board shall specify conditions under which a pharmacist may administer medication, including an immunization and vaccination. . . . (6) the pharmacist administers an immunization or vaccination under a physician’s written protocol and meets the standards established by the board; and (7) the authority of a pharmacist to administer medication may not be delegated. *Tex Occ. Code § 554.004 (2004) Administration of Medication.*

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**Table 88: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
TEXAS**

Health Professional		Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
		Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice	X			X			X		
	Midwife	X					X	X		
	Nurse Practitioner	X					X	X		
	Practical Nurse	X					X	X		
	Prescriptive Practice			X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X			X			X		
	RN Supervisor	X					X	X		
	Vocational	X			X			X		
Pharmacists		X					X	X		
Physician Assistants		X			X			X		

Any Qualified and Properly Trained Person Acting under Physician Supervision:

(b) A physician may delegate to any qualified and properly trained person acting under the physician's supervision the act of administering or providing dangerous drugs in the physician's office, as ordered by the physician, that are used or required to meet the immediate needs of the physician's patients. . . . (c) A physician may also delegate to any qualified and properly trained person acting under the physician's supervision the act of administering or providing dangerous drugs through a facility licensed by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, as ordered by the physician, that are used or required to meet the immediate needs of the physician's patients. . . .

(d) In the provision of services and the administration of therapy by public health departments, as officially prescribed by the Texas Department of Health for the prevention or treatment of specific communicable diseases of health conditions for which the Texas Department of Health is responsible for control under state law, a physician may delegate to any qualified and properly trained person acting under the physician's supervision the act of administering or providing dangerous drugs, as ordered by the physician, that are used or required to meet the needs of the patients. . . . An order for the prevention or treatment of specific communicable disease or health conditions for which the Texas Department of Health is responsible for control under state law may not be inconsistent with this chapter and may not be used to perform an act of duty that requires the exercise of independent medical judgment. (e) The administration of provision of the drugs may be delegated through a physician's order, a standing medical order, a standing delegation order, or another order defined by the board. ***Tex Occ. Code § 157.002 (2004) General Delegation of Administration and Provision Of Dangerous Drugs.***

Vaccines may be administered by a qualified non-physician even though his supervising doctor has not made an individual determination as to each person's need for the vaccine, providing the recipient is free of any condition for which the immunization is contraindicated. No provision is made for prescription for individual patients. . . . A non-physician may determine that a person is free from conditions for which vaccine is contraindicated, if he can obtain that information by questioning the person without having to diagnose any illness himself. A non-physician could administer vaccine in compliance with the Dangerous Drug Act if he did so as the agent or employee of a physician in his practice or in the performance of official duties. ***Opinion No. MW-318, 1981 Tex. AG Delegation of medical acts by means of standing orders***

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**Table 89: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
UTAH**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X			X		
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist			X			X		X
	Physician Assistant			X			X		X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

[T]he RN practicing within the generally recognized RN scope of practice practices as follows: . . . (2) In demonstrating the responsibility for nursing practice implementation shall: (a) conduct a comprehensive nursing assessment . . . (g) implement treatments and therapy, including medication administration, delegated medical and independent nursing functions. *U.A.C. R156-31b-704 (2005) Generally Recognized Scope of Practice of a RN*

Advanced Practice Nurse:

(15) . . . Advanced practice registered nursing includes: . . . (c) prescription and administration of prescription drugs or devices . . . *Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-102 (2005) Definitions*

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**Table 90: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
UTAH**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X	X					X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations
Nurses:

(2) A health department may implement the prescription procedure under Subsection (3) for prescription drugs, other than controlled substances, for use in clinics providing: . . . (c) travel immunization. (3) The following prescription procedure shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Subsection (4) and may be used only in the clinics listed under Subsection (2): (a) a physician writes and signs a prescription for prescription drugs, other than controlled substances, without the name and address of the patient and without the date the prescription is provided to the patient; and (b) the physician authorizes a registered nurse employed by the health department to complete the prescription written under this Subsection (3) by inserting the patient’s name and address, and the date the prescription is provided to the patient, in accordance with the physician’s standing written orders and a written health department protocol approved by the physician and the medical director of the state Department of Health. . . . *Utah Code Ann. § 58-17b-620 (2005) Prescriptions issued within the public health system*

Registered Nurse:

(1) The lawful scope of practice for an RN employed by a department of health shall include implementation of standing orders and protocols, and completion and providing to a patient of prescriptions which have been prepared and signed by a physician. . . . *U.A.C. R156-31b-702 (2005) Scope of Practice*

Physician Assistant:

(2) (a) “Delegation of services agreement” means written criteria jointly developed by a physician assistant’s supervising physician and any substitute supervising physicians and the physician assistant, that permits a physician assistant, working under the direction or review of the supervising physician, to assist in the management of common illnesses and injuries. (b) The agreement defines the working relationship and delegation of duties between the supervising physician and the physician assistant as specified by division rule and shall include: (i) the prescribing of controlled substances; . . . (4) “Practice as a physician assistant” means: (a) the professional activities and conduct of a physician assistant in diagnosing, treating, advising, or prescribing for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition, dependent upon and under the supervision of a supervising physician or substitute supervising physician in accordance with a delegation of services agreement; and (b) the physician assistant acts as the agent of the supervising physician or substitute supervising physician when acting in accordance with a delegation of services agreement. *Utah Code Ann. § 58-70a-102 (2005) Definitions*

(2) A physician assistant, in accordance with a delegation of services agreement, may prescribe and administer an appropriate controlled substance if: (a) the physician assistant holds a Utah controlled substance license and a DEA registration; (b) the prescription or administration of the controlled substance is within the prescriptive practice of the supervising physician and also within the delegated prescribing stated in the delegation of services agreement; and (c) the supervising physician cosigns any medical chart record of a prescription of a Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 controlled substance made by the physician assistant. *Utah Code Ann. § 58-70a-501 (2005) Scope of Practice*

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**Table 91: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
VERMONT**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X	X					X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X					X
S E S	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(2) “Registered nursing” . . . includes but is not limited to: (A) Assessing the health status of individuals and groups. (B) Establishing a nursing diagnosis. . . (F) Implementing the strategy of care . . . **26 V.S.A. § 1572 (2005) Definitions**

Nurse Practitioner:

Section 11. Persons Authorized to Prescribe 11.1 Pharmacists may accept prescription legend drug orders from authorized practitioners within the United State and Canada, including . . . 11.1.3 Nurse practitioner, as authorized by protocol . . . **CVR 04-030-230 (2004) Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules**

Advanced Practice Nurse:

III. Scope of Practice. . . 8. Prescriptions may be written and signed by the APRN for those medications covered in practice guidelines in compliance with other state laws and regulations. . . **CVR 04-030-170 (2004) Administrative Rules for the Board of Nursing**

(4) “Advanced practice registered nurse” means a licensed registered nurse authorized to practice in this state who, because of specialized education and experience is endorsed to perform acts of medical diagnosis and to prescribe medical, therapeutic or corrective measures under administrative rules adopted by the board. . . **26 V.S.A. § 1572 (2005) Definitions**

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**Table 92: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
VERMONT**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist			X			X	X	
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistant:

Section 11. Persons Authorized to Prescribe 11.1 Pharmacists may accept prescription legend drug orders from authorized practitioners within the United State and Canada, including . . .11.1.7 Physician’s assistant, as authorized by protocol . . . ***CVR 04-030-230 (2004) Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules***

II. RULES FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PART 5. CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. 5.1 INTRODUCTION

Physician assistants practice medicine with physician supervision. Physician assistants may perform those duties and responsibilities, including the prescribing . . . of drugs and medical devices, that are delegated by their supervising physicians. Physician assistants shall be considered the agents of their supervising physicians in the performance of all practice-related activities, including but not limited to, the ordering of diagnostic, therapeutic and other medical services. . . 5.2 DEFINITIONS As used in these rules: (a) “Authorization to prescribe medications and medical devices” means the authorization for a physician assistant to prescribe . . . drugs and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician. Prescribing and dispensing of drugs may include DEA Schedules II through V. At no time shall the prescriptive practices of the physician assistant exceed the prescriptive practices of the supervising physician(s) . . . ***CVR 04-030-150 Rules of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice***

5.2 DEFINITIONS As used in these rules: (a) “Authorization to prescribe medications and medical devices” means the authorization for a physician assistant to . . . dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician. Prescribing and dispensing of drugs may include DEA Schedules II through V. At no time shall the prescriptive practices of the physician assistant exceed the prescriptive practices of the supervising physician(s) . . . 7.4 AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS; REQUIREMENTS The certified physician assistant may prescribe only those drugs utilized by the primary supervising physician and permitted by the scope of practice submitted to and approved by the Board. . . ***CVR 04-030-150 Rules of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice***

Pharmacist:

Section 19. Scope of Practice 19.1 Pharmacy is that profession which is concerned with the art and science of preparing, from natural and synthetic sources, suitable and convenient materials for distribution and use in the treatment and prevention of disease . . . As a health care provider, it also embraces . . .drug administration . . . It includes the management of drug therapy in collaboration with other health care providers responsible for patient care and the . . . selection of drug under protocol , and recommendation or provision of information necessary for drug therapy. . . ***CVR 04-030-230 (2004) Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules***

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**Table 93: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
VIRGINIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacists		X			X			X
	Physician Assistants		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

B. Nursing tasks that shall not be delegated to any unlicensed person are: 1. Activities involving nursing assessment, problem identification, and outcome evaluation which require independent nursing judgment. *18 VAC 90-20-460. (2005) Nursing tasks that shall not be delegated.*

Registered Nurse:

“Professional nursing,” “registered nursing” or “registered professional nursing” means . . . the prevention of illness or disease . . . the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by any person authorized by law to prescribe such medications and treatment. Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3000 (2005) Definitions

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**Table 94: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
VIRGINIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner:

A protocol shall be submitted to the board prior to the administration of an adult immunization program which includes the following . . . 7. Immunization procedures . . . 10. Qualification of immunization providers. A. Virginia licensure as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse. *18 VAC 90-20-410 (2005) Requirements for Protocol for Administration of Adult Immunization*

Nurse Practitioner:

A. . . . a licensed nurse practitioner, other than a certified registered nurse anesthetist, shall have the authority to prescribe controlled substances . . . as follows: (i) Schedules V and VI controlled substances on and after July 1, 2000; (ii) Schedules IV through VI on and after January 1, 2002; and (iii) Schedules III through VI controlled substances on and after July 1, 2003. Nurse practitioners shall have such prescriptive authority upon the provision . . . of such evidence . . . that the nurse practitioner has entered into and is, at the time of writing a prescription, a party to a written agreement with a licensed physician which provides for the direction and supervision by such physician of the prescriptive practices of the nurse practitioner. Such written agreements shall include the controlled substances the nurse practitioner is or is not authorized to prescribe and may restrict such prescriptive authority as deemed appropriate by the physician providing direction and supervision. B. It shall be unlawful for a nurse practitioner to prescribe controlled substances or devices pursuant to this section unless such prescription is authorized by the written agreement between the licensed nurse practitioner and the licensed physician. *Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.01 (2005) Prescription of certain controlled substances and devices by licensed nurse practitioners*

Physician Assistant:

A. A physician or a podiatrist . . . may . . . supervise assistants and delegate certain acts which constitute the practice of medicine to the extent and in the manner authorized by the Board. . . . Such services shall be limited to those which are . . . diagnostic, therapeutic or preventive in nature, but shall not include the establishment of a final diagnosis or treatment plan for the patient or the prescribing or dispensing of drugs, except as provided in § 54.1-2952.1 . . . *Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2952 (2005) Supervision of assistants by licensed physician, or podiatrist; services that may be performed by assistants; responsibility of licensee; employment of assistants*

A. . . . a licensed physician assistant shall have the authority to prescribe controlled substances . . . as follows: (i) Schedules V and VI controlled substances on and after July 1, 2001, (ii) Schedules IV through VI controlled substances on and after January 1, 2003, and (iii) Schedule III through VI controlled substances on and after July 1, 2004. A licensed physician assistant shall have such prescriptive authority upon the provision to the Board of Medicine of such evidence . . . that the assistant has entered into and is, at the time of writing a prescription, a party to a written agreement with a licensed physician or podiatrist which provides for the direction and supervision by such licensee of the prescriptive practices of the assistant. Such written agreements shall include the controlled substances the physician assistant is or is not authorized to prescribe and may restrict such prescriptive authority as deemed appropriate by the physician or podiatrist providing direction and supervision. B. It shall be unlawful for the assistant to prescribe controlled substances or devices pursuant to this section unless such prescription is authorized by the written agreement between the licensee and the assistant. . . D. This section shall not prohibit a licensed physician assistant from administering controlled substances . . . or from receiving and dispensing manufacturers' professional samples of controlled substances. *Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2952.1 (2005) Prescription of certain controlled substances and devices by licensed physician assistant*

continued

**Table 94: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
VIRGINIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X	X			X		
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
Pharmacist			X			X	X		
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

C. If the role of the assistant includes prescribing for drugs and devices, the written protocol shall include those schedules and categories of drugs and devices that are within the scope of practice and proficiency of the supervising physician. **18 VAC 85-50-101. (2005) Requirements for a protocol.**

The supervising physician shall . . . 3. Be responsible for all prescriptions issued by the assistant and attest to the competence of the assistant to prescribe drugs and devices. **18 VAC 85-50-110. (2005) Responsibilities of the supervisor.**

A. The physician assistant shall not render independent health care and shall: 1. Perform only those medical care services that are within the scope of the practice and proficiency of the supervising physician as prescribed in the physician assistant's protocol. . . . 2. Prescribe only those drugs and devices as allowed . . . 1. No assistant may render care to a patient unless the physician responsible for that patient has signed the protocol to act as supervising physician for that assistant. . . . **18 VAC 85-50-115. (2005) Responsibilities of the physician assistant.**

B. The physician assistant may prescribe only those categories of drugs and devices included in the practice agreement as submitted for authorization. The supervising physician retains the authority to restrict certain drugs within these approved categories. **18 VAC 85-50-140. (2005) Approved drugs and devices.**

A. A physician assistant with prescriptive authority may prescribe only within the scope of the written protocol. **18 VAC 85-50-150. (2005) Protocol regarding prescriptive authority.**

Pharmacist:

A protocol shall be submitted to the board prior to the administration of an adult immunization program which includes the following . . . 7. Immunization procedures . . . 10. Qualification of immunization providers. A. Virginia licensure as a . . . pharmacist. **18 VAC 90-20-410 (2005) Requirements for Protocol for Administration of Adult Immunization**

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**Table 95: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
WASHINGTON**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
U	Nurse Practitioner	X		X					X
R	Practical Nurse	X				X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E S	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Registered Nurse:

(1) "Registered nursing practice" means . . . (a) The observation, assessment, diagnosis, care or counsel, and health teaching of individuals with illnesses, injuries, or disabilities, or in the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others . . . *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.79.040 (2005) "Registered nursing practice" defined -- Exceptions*

Registered and Practical Nurse:

(2) The nursing process . . . consists of a series of phases: Assessment . . . (a) *Registered Nurse:* Minimum standards for registered nurses include the following . . . (A) *Assessment and Analysis:* The registered nurse initiates data collection and analysis that includes pertinent objective and subjective data regarding the health status of the clients. . . (b) *Licensed Practical Nurse:* . . . (A) *Assessment:* The licensed practical nurse makes basic observations, gathers data and assists in identification of needs and problems relevant to the clients, collects specific data as directed, and communicates outcomes of the data collection process . . . *WAC § 246-840-700 (2005) Standards of nursing conduct or practice*

Nurse Practitioner:

Licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners may perform the following functions: * Examine patients and establish medical diagnoses by client history, physical examination and other assessment criteria . . . *WAC § 246-840-300 (2005) Advanced registered nurse practitioner*

Upon approval by the commission, an advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances contained in Schedule V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act . . . and Schedules II through IV . . . *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.79.050 (2005) "Advanced registered nursing practice" defined -- Exceptions*

An advanced registered nurse practitioner under his or her license may perform . . . nursing care, as that term is usually understood, of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof, she or he may do the following things . . . (2) Prescribe legend drugs and Schedule V controlled substances, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW, and Schedules II through IV . . . *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.79.250 (2005) Advanced registered nurse practitioner -- Activities allowed*

Licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners may perform the following functions: . . . * Prescribe medications when granted authority under this chapter . . . *WAC § 246-840-300 (2005) Advanced registered nurse practitioner*

An advanced registered nurse practitioner . . . may prescribe drugs pursuant to applicable state and federal laws . . . *WAC § 246-840-400 (2005) ARNP with prescriptive authorization*

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**Table 96: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
WASHINGTON**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X	X		
U	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
R	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
E	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
S	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X	X					X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Nurse Midwife:

A midwife licensed under this chapter may . . . administer such other drugs or medications as prescribed by a physician. . . *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.50.115 (2005) Administration of drugs and medications -- Rules*

(2) . . . licensed midwives may obtain and administer the following medications: . . . (e) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine to nonimmune postpartum women, HBIG and HBV for neonates born to hepatitis B+ mothers . . . (4) The midwife must have a procedure, policy or guideline for the use of each drug. *WAC § 246-834-250 (2005) Legend drugs and devices*

Registered Nurse:

(1) A registered nurse under his or her license may perform for compensation nursing care, as that term is usually understood, to individuals with illnesses, injuries, or disabilities. (2) A registered nurse may, at or under the general direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license, administer medications . . . and inoculations, whether or not the severing or penetrating of tissues is involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is required. Such direction must be for acts which are within the scope of registered nursing practice. . . *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.79.260 (2005) Registered nurse -- Activities allowed -- Delegation of tasks*

It is not a violation . . . for a registered nurse, at or under the general direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician and surgeon, to administer prescribed drugs, injections, inoculations, tests, or treatment whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved. *Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 18.79.280 (2005) Medication, tests, treatments allowed*

Physician Assistant:

A physician assistant may issue written or oral prescriptions as provided herein when approved by the commission and assigned by the supervising physician(s). (1) A physician assistant may not prescribe controlled substances unless specifically approved by the commission or its designee. A physician assistant may issue prescriptions for legend drugs for a patient who is under the care of the physician(s) responsible for the supervision of the physician assistant. . . *WAC § 246-918-030 (2005) Prescriptions issued by physician assistants.*

A certified physician assistant may issue written or oral prescriptions as provided herein when approved by the commission or its designee. *WAC § 246-918-035 (2005) Certified physician assistant prescriptions*

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**Table 97: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
WEST VIRGINIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X					X		
	RN Supervisor			X			X		X
	Vocational		X			X		X	
	Pharmacist		X			X		X	
	Physician Assistant	X				X		X	

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
(b) The practice of “registered professional nursing” shall mean the . . . administration of medications . . . as prescribed by a licensed physician or a licensed dentist . . . responsible supervision of a patient requiring skill in observation of symptoms and reactions and the accurate recording of facts . . . *W. Va. Code § 30-7-1 (2006) Definitions*

Physician Assistant:
13.2 A physician assistant shall have, as a minimum, the knowledge and competency to perform the following functions and may under appropriate supervision perform them; this standard job description is not intended to be specific or all-inclusive: a. Screen patients to determine the need for medical attention . . . c. Take a patient history . . . d. Perform a physical exam . . . *W. Va. CSR § 11-1B-13- (2006)*
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**Table 98: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
WEST VIRGINIA**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X	X					X
U	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
S	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
S	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X						X
	Physician Assistant		X	X		X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

Midwife:

(a) The board shall . . . authorize a nurse-midwife to prescribe prescription drugs in a collaborative relationship with a physician licensed to practice in West Virginia and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. An authorized nurse-midwife may write or sign prescriptions or transmit prescriptions verbally or by other means of communication. . . *W. Va. Code § 30-15-7a (2006) Prescriptive authority for prescription drugs; collaborative relationship with physician requirements; promulgation or rules; classification of drugs to be prescribed; consultation with other boards; coordination with board of pharmacy*

(a) The board may . . . authorize an advanced nurse practitioner to prescribe prescription drugs in a collaborative relationship with a physician licensed to practice in West Virginia and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. An authorized advanced nurse practitioner may write or sign prescriptions or transmit prescriptions verbally or by other means of communication. (b) For purposes of this section an agreement to a collaborative relationship for prescriptive practice between a physician and an advanced nurse practitioner shall be set forth in writing . . . *W. Va. Code § 30-7-15a (2006) Prescriptive authority for prescription drugs; collaborative relationship with physician requirements; promulgations of rules; classification of drugs to be prescribed; coordination with other boards; coordination with board of pharmacy*

Physician Assistant:

(l) A physician assistant may write or sign prescriptions or transmit prescriptions by word or mouth, telephone or other means of communication at the direction of his or her supervising physician . . . (2) All pharmacological categories of drugs to be prescribed by a physician assistant shall be listed in each job description submitted to the board . . . (4) a requirement that to be eligible for prescription privileges, a physician assistant shall have performed patient care services for a minimum of two years immediately preceding the submission to the board of the job description containing prescription privileges and shall have successfully completed an accredited course of instruction in clinical pharmacology approved by the board . . . (m) . . . A physician assistant may not sign any prescription, except in the case of an authorized physician assistant at the direction of his or her supervising physician . . . A physician assistant may not perform any service that is or her supervising physician is not qualified to perform. A physician assistant may not perform any service that is not included in his or her job description and approved by the board as provided for in this section . . . *W. Va. Code § 30-3-16 (2006) Physician assistants; definitions; board of medicine rules; annual report; licensure; temporary license; relicensure; job description required; revocation or suspension of licensure; responsibilities of supervising physician; legal responsibility for physician assistants; reporting by health care facilities; identification; limitations on employment an duties; fees; continuing education; unlawful representation of physician assistant as a physician; criminal penalties*

7.4. A physician assistant shall not sign prescriptions except in the case of certain physician assistants authorized to do so by the Board . . . *W. Va. CSR § 11-1B-7 (2006) Limitations on Supervision and Scope of Duties of Physician Assistants*

14.1 A physician assistant may be authorized by the Board to issue written or oral prescriptions for certain medicinal drugs at the direction of his or her supervising physician . . . *W. Va. CSR § 11-1B-14 (2006) Limited Prescriptive Privileges for Physician Assistants*

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**Table 99: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
WISCONSIN**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse	X				X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
	Vocational		X			X			X
	Pharmacist		X			X			X
	Physician Assistant		X			X			X

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:
GENERAL NURSING PROCEDURES. An R.N. shall utilize the nursing process in the execution of general nursing procedures in the maintenance of health, prevention of illness or care of the ill. The nursing process consists of the steps of assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation. This standard is met through performance of each of the following steps of the nursing process: (a) Assessment. Assessment is the systematic and continual collection and analysis of data about the health status of a patient culminating in the formulation of a nursing diagnosis. . . *Wis. Adm. Code N 6.03 (2005) Standards of practice for registered nurses*

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**Table 100: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER STANDING ORDERS
WISCONSIN**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent	Permitted	Prohibited	Silent
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X	X		
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X	X		X
Physician Assistant	X			X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(1) GENERAL NURSING PROCEDURES. An R.N. shall utilize the nursing process in the execution of general nursing procedures in the maintenance of health, prevention of illness or care of the ill. The nursing process consists of the steps of assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation. This standard is met through performance of each of the following steps of the nursing process: . . . (c) Intervention. Intervention is the nursing action to implement the plan of care by directly administering care . . . (2) PERFORMANCE OF DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS. In the performance of delegated medical acts an R.N. shall: (a) Accept only those delegated medical acts for which there are protocols or written or verbal orders; (d) Perform delegated medical acts under the general supervision or direction of a physician, podiatrist, dentist or optometrist. **Wis. Adm. Code N 6.03 (2005) Standards of practice for registered nurses**

Physician Assistant:

(1) SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS. In providing medical care, the entire practice of any physician assistant shall be under the supervision of a licensed physician. The scope of practice is limited to providing medical care specified in sub. (2). A physician assistant's practice may not exceed his or her educational training or experience and may not exceed the scope of practice of the supervising physician. . . . (2) MEDICAL CARE. Medical care a physician assistant may provide include: (a) Attending initially a patient of any age in any setting to obtain a personal medical history, perform an appropriate physical examination, and record and present pertinent data concerning the patient in a manner meaningful to the supervising physician. . . . (c) Performing routine therapeutic procedures, including, but not limited to, injections, immunizations . . . (i) Issuing written prescription orders for drugs under the supervision of a licensed physician. **Wis. Adm. Code Med 8.07 (2005) Practice**

(3) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY. A physician assistant may issue a prescription order for a drug or device in accordance with guidelines established by a supervising physician and the physician assistant and with rules promulgated by the board. If any conflict exists between the guidelines and the rules, the rules shall control. **Wis. Stat. § 448.21 (2005)Physician Assistants**

Pharmacist:

(1) "Administer" means the direct application of a vaccine or a prescribed drug or device, whether by injection, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by any of the following . . . (c) A pharmacist. . . . (16) "Practice of pharmacy" means any of the following: . . . (k) Administering prescribed drug products and devices . . . pursuant to vaccination protocols, vaccines. . . .(22) "Vaccination protocol" means a written protocol agreed to by a physician . . . and a pharmacist that establishes procedures and record-keeping and reporting requirements for the administration of a vaccine by a pharmacist for a period specified in the protocol that may not exceed 2 years. **Wis. Stat. § 450.01 (2005) Definitions**

(2t) A pharmacist may not administer a vaccine under this subsection to a person who is under the age of 18. . . .(2g) A person engaged in the practice of pharmacy . . . may not administer a vaccine unless he or she acts under the direct supervision of a pharmacist . . . **Wis. Stat. § 450.035 (2005) Administration of drug products and devices; vaccines**

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**Table 101: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
UNDER THEIR OWN LICENSE
WYOMING**

Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N	Advanced Practice		X	X			X		
	Midwife		X						
U	Nurse Practitioner		X						
	Practical Nurse		X						
S	Prescriptive Practice		X						
	Registered Nurse	X							
S	RN Supervisor		X						
	Vocational		X						
	Pharmacist		X						
	Physician Assistant		X						

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Nurses:

(a) . . . (ix) "Nursing process" means . . . (A) Assessment: A systematic and continuous collection of objective and subjective data about the health status of individuals and groups derived from observations, health assessment including physical assessment, interviews, written records and reports; . . . *Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-120 (2005) Definitions*

Advanced Practice:

(a) . . . (i) "Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)" means a nurse who: (A) May prescribe, administer, dispense or provide nonprescriptive and prescriptive medications including prepackaged medications, except schedule I drugs . . . (ix) "Nursing process" means . . . (D) Intervention: Actions in nursing practice which implement the plan of care to maximize health capabilities of individuals and groups; (xi) "Practice of professional nursing" means the . . . administration . . . and execution of the medical regimen. The therapeutic plan includes the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any person authorized by state law to prescribe. Each registered professional nurse is accountable and responsible for the quality of nursing care rendered; § 33-21-120 (2005) Definitions

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**Table 102: EXTENT TO WHICH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN ENGAGE IN IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE¹
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Health Professional	Assessment			Prescription			Administration		
	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>Silent</i>
N U R S E S	Advanced Practice		X			X			X
	Midwife		X			X			X
	Nurse Practitioner		X			X			X
	Practical Nurse		X			X			X
	Prescriptive Practice		X			X			X
	Registered Nurse		X			X			X
	RN Supervisor		X			X			X
Vocational		X			X			X	
Pharmacist			X			X			X
Physician Assistant			X	X			X		

1. Immunization Practice: means the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of immunizations

Physician Assistants:

Section 17. Prescription of drugs. . . . (a) As the agent of the supervising physician, a physician assistant may prescribe and administer medications, including schedule III-V . . . ***WCWR 024-052-005 (2004) RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE LICENSURE OF AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS***

(c) A physician assistant may prescribe medications only as an agent of the supervising physician . . . ***Wyo. Stat. § 33-26-510 (2005) Prescription of drugs***

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