## STANDING ORDERS: Health Professionals & Immunization Practice

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### NOTES:

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

2. **Delegated Authority**: May include the following terms: standing orders, protocol, collaborative agreement, direct or indirect supervision, at the direction of another provider, as ordered by another provider, or as prescribed by another provider.

3. **Legal Interpretation—Nurses**: Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Nurses engaging in advanced practice (Advanced Practice, Clinical Nurse Spec., and Nurse Practitioner) retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

4. **Legal Interpretation—Midwives**: Because midwives are not nurses in all states, they are identified as a separate professional category. When midwives are nurses, the following interpretations apply: Midwives who are identified as Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Midwives who engage in advanced practice retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

5. **Gray box**: Provider practices within the state, however the state has no relevant law addressing this element.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

. . . (b) The administration of injectable medication may be delegated only by an advanced nurse practitioner to a certified medical assistant. The certified medical assistant may only perform the delegated duty in a private or public ambulatory care setting, and the advanced nurse practitioner must be immediately available on site when the certified medical assistant is administering injectable medication.

(f) In this section, (1) “certified medical assistant” means a person who is currently nationally certified as a medical assistant by a national body accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and meets the requirements of this section . . .

(3) “injectable medication” means . . . (F) vaccines. **12 Alaska Admin. Code § 44.966 (2012) Delegation of the administration of injectable medication**
MIDWIFE
. . . (5) “certified nurse midwife” means a person who is authorized to practice as an advanced nurse practitioner . . . and who is certified to practice midwifery by a national certification body . . . 7 Alaska Admin. Code 12.449 (2012) Definitions

NURSES
Nurse Practitioner
. . . (1) “advanced nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse . . . who, because of specialized education and experience, is certified to perform acts of medical diagnosis and the prescription . . . of medical, therapeutic, or corrective measures. Alaska Stat. § 08.68.850 (2012) Definitions


(a) The administration of injectable medication is a specialized nursing task . . . (f) (3) “injectable medication means” . . . (F) vaccines. . . . 12 Alaska Admin. Code § 44.966 (2012) Delegation of the administration of injectable medication

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 . . . (D) execution of a medical regimen as prescribed by a person authorized by the state to practice medicine. Alaska Stat. § 08.68.850 (2012) Definitions

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PHARMACIST
(a) A pharmacist planning to exercise collaborative practice authority in the pharmacist's practice by initiating or modifying drug therapy in accordance with a written protocol established and approved for the pharmacist's practice by a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs . . . must submit the completed written protocol to the board and be approved by the board before implementation. . .
. . . (b) A written protocol must include
(1) an agreement in which practitioners authorized to prescribe legend drugs in this state authorize pharmacists licensed in this state to administer or dispense in accordance with that written protocol;
(2) a statement identifying the practitioners authorized to prescribe and the pharmacists who are party to the agreement;
(3) the time period during which the written protocol will be in effect, not to exceed two years;
(4) the types of collaborative authority decisions that the pharmacists are authorized to make, including (A) types of diseases, drugs, or drug categories involved and the type of collaborative authority authorized in each case; and (B) procedures, decision criteria, or plans the pharmacists are to follow when making therapeutic decisions, particularly when modification or initiation of drug therapy is involved;
(5) activities the pharmacists are to follow in the course of exercising collaborative authority, including documentation of decisions made, and a plan for communication and feedback to the authorizing practitioners concerning specific decisions made;
(6) a list of the specific types of patients eligible to receive services under the written protocol;
(7) a plan for the authorizing practitioners to review the decisions made by the pharmacists at least once every three months; and
(8) a plan for providing the authorizing practitioners with each patient record created under the written protocol. . . .

. . . (c) To enter into a written protocol under this section, practitioners authorized to prescribe must be in active practice, and the authority granted must be within the scope of the practitioners' practice. (d) Unless the board is satisfied that the pharmacist has been adequately trained in the procedures outlined in the written protocol, the board will specify and require completion of additional training that covers those procedures before issuing approval of the protocol. . . . 12 Alaska Admin. Code § 52.240, amended by 2102 AK REG TEXT 287309 (2012) Pharmacist collaborative practice authority

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
(1) [A] physician assistant may examine, diagnose, or treat 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 (2012) License to practice medicine, podiatry, or osteopathy

. . . (f) A physician assistant may prescribe, order, administer, or dispense a medication . . . only with the authorization of the physician assistant's primary collaborating physician. 12 Alaska Admin. Code § 40.450 (2012) Authority to prescribe, order, administer, and dispense medications

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