# 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.

## MIDWIFE


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Sec. 1. A clinical nurse specialist shall perform as an independent and interdependent member of the health care team . . . . The following are standards for each clinical nurse specialist: (1) Assess clients by using advanced knowledge and skills to . . . (C) develop and implement nursing treatment plans; and (D) evaluate patient outcomes. *848 Ind. Admin. Code 4-3-1 (2012) Competent practice of clinical nurse specialists*

Nurse Practitioner


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Practical Nurse

Sec. 1.2. As used in this chapter, “licensed practical nurse” means a person who holds a valid license issued under this chapter or by a party state . . . and who functions at the direction of: (1) a registered nurse; (2) a physician with an unlimited license to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine; (3) a licensed dentist; (4) a licensed chiropractor; (5) a licensed optometrist; or (6) a licensed podiatrist; in the performance of activities commonly performed by practical nurses and requiring special knowledge or skill. *Ind. Code 25-23-1-1.2 (2012) “Licensed practical nurse” defined*
Sec. 1.3. As used in this chapter, “practical nursing” means the performance of services commonly performed by practical nurses, including: (1) contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals or groups; (2) participating in the development and modification of the strategy of care; (3) implementing the appropriate aspects of the strategy of care; (4) maintaining safe and effective nursing care; and (5) participating in the evaluation of responses to the strategy of care. Ind. Code 25-23-1-1.3 (2012) “Practical nursing” defined

Sec. 2. (a) An employee of a hospice who is a licensed practical nurse may purchase, store, or transport a vaccine in order to administer the vaccine to: (1) the hospice's employees or a hospice patient or home health patient; or (2) family members of a patient; under the order of a licensed physician. (b) An employee described in subsection (a) who purchases, stores, or transports a vaccine under this section must ensure that a standing order for the vaccine: (1) is signed and dated by a licensed physician; (2) identifies the vaccine covered by the order; (3) indicates that appropriate procedures are established for responding to any adverse reaction to the vaccine; and (4) directs that a specific medication or category of medication be administered if a recipient has an adverse reaction to the vaccine. Ind. Code 16-25-2-2 (2012) Vaccines

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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 . . . Ind. Code 25-23-1-1.1 (2012) Additional definitions

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PHARMACIST
Sec. 31.2. (a) A pharmacist may administer an immunization to an individual under a drug order or prescription. (b) A pharmacist may administer an immunization for influenza or shingles (herpes zoster) to a group of individuals under a drug order, under a prescription, or according to a protocol approved by a physician if the following requirements are met: (1) The physician specifies in the drug order, prescription, or protocol the group of individuals to whom the immunization may be administered. (2) The physician who writes the drug order, prescription, or protocol is licensed in Indiana and not employed by a pharmacy. (3) The pharmacist who administers the immunization is responsible for notifying, not later than fourteen (14) days after the pharmacist administers the immunization, the physician who authorized the immunization and the individual's primary care physician that the individual received the immunization.

(4) If the physician uses a protocol, the protocol may apply only to an individual or group of individuals who are at least: (A) fourteen (14) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age, if the pharmacist receives the consent of a parent or legal guardian, and the parent or legal guardian is present at the time of immunization; or (B) eighteen (18) years of age. Ind. Code 25-26-13-31.2 (2012) Administration of immunizations

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
. . . (i) “Physician assistant” means an individual who: (1) is supervised by a physician . . . . Ind. Code 25-22.5-1-1.1 (2012) Definitions

 Sec. 2. (a) A physician assistant must engage in a dependent practice with physician supervision. A physician assistant may perform, under the supervision of the supervising physician, the duties and responsibilities that are delegated by the supervising physician and that are within the supervising physician's scope of practice, including prescribing and dispensing drugs and medical devices. . . . Ind. Code 25-27.5-5-2 (2012) Practice with supervising physician; examination of patient by physician; requirements of supervisory agreement; approval of supervisory agreement; violation
Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in this section, a physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices or services to the extent delegated by the supervising physician. . . . (c) A physician assistant may use or dispense only drugs prescribed or approved by the supervising physician. A physician assistant may not prescribe or dispense the following drugs: (1) a schedule I substance . . . (2) A schedule II substance . . . However, a physician assistant may write a drug order for a drug listed in subdivision (2) for use in the hospital if the patient is in an inpatient hospital. . . . (g) Before a physician assistant may prescribe drugs, the physician assistant must have practiced as a physician assistant: (1) for at least one (1) year after graduating from a physician assistant program approved by the committee; and (2) for at least one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours. Ind. Code 25-27.5-5-4 (2012) Use and dispensing of prescription drugs

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in section 4(d) of this chapter, a supervising physician may delegate authority to a physician assistant to prescribe: (1) legend drugs except as provided in section 4(c) of this chapter; and (2) medical devices. . . . Ind. Code 25-27.5-5-6 (2012) Authority to prescribe drugs and medical devices; written authority; conditions

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
If a physician assistant is employed by a physician, a group of physicians, or other legal entity, the physician assistant must be supervised by and be the legal responsibility of the supervising physician. The legal responsibility for the physician assistant’s patient care activities are [is] that of the supervising physician, including when the physician assistant provides care and treatment for patients in health care facilities. If a physician assistant is employed by a health care facility or other entity, the legal responsibility for the physician assistant’s actions is that of the supervising physician. A physician assistant employed by a health care facility or entity must be supervised by a licensed physician. *Ind. Code 25-27.5-6-7 (2012) Legal responsibility for physician assistants*

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