### 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.

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**MIDWIFE**

The . . . roles of advanced practice registered nurses licensed by the board of nursing shall be the following . . . (c) nurse-midwife . . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-102 (2012) Roles of advanced practice registered nurses

. . . Each APRN shall be authorized to make independent decisions about advanced practice nursing needs of families, patients, and clients and medical decisions based on the authorization for collaborative practice with one or more physicians. . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-101 (2012) Definition of expanded role; limitations; restrictions

(a) Each written protocol that an advanced practice registered nurse is to follow when prescribing, administering, or supplying a prescription-only drug . . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-104a (2012) Protocol requirements; prescription orders

Each advanced practice registered nurse in the role of nurse-midwife . . . shall be authorized to perform the following: (a) Provide independent nursing diagnosis . . . and treatment . . . (b) develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice . . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-105 (2012) Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse in the role of nurse-midwife
(d) An advanced practice registered nurse 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. Kan. Stat. 65-1130 (2012) Advanced practice nurse; standards and requirements for licensure; rules and regulations; roles, titles and abbreviations; prescription of drugs authorized; licensure of currently registered individuals

NURSES
Clinical Nurse Spec.
The roles of advanced practice registered nurses licensed by the board of nursing shall be the following: (a) Clinical nurse specialist. Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-102 (2012) Roles of advanced practice registered nurses

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Each clinical nurse specialist shall be authorized to perform the following: (a) Provide independent nursing diagnosis and treatment . . . (b) develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice . . . (d) provide care for specific patients or clients or specific populations, or both, utilizing a broad base of advanced scientific knowledge, nursing theory, and skills in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating health and nursing care. Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-107 (2012) Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse in the role of clinical nurse specialist

(d) An advanced practice registered nurse 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. Kan. Stat. 65-1130 (2012) Advanced practice nurse; standards and requirements for licensure; rules and regulations; roles, titles and abbreviations; prescription of drugs authorized; licensure of currently registered individuals

Nurse Practitioner
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(a) Each written protocol that an advanced practice registered nurse is to follow when prescribing, administering, or supplying a prescription-only drug . . . . . . (d) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit any . . . 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. Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-104a (2012) Protocol requirements; prescription orders
Each advanced practice registered nurse in the role of nurse practitioner . . . shall be authorized to perform the following: (a) Provide health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, and independent nursing diagnosis . . . and treatment . . . of acute and chronic diseases; (b) develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice . . . (d) provide health care for individuals by managing health problems encountered by patients and clients . . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-104 (2012) Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse in the role of 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. . . . Kan. Stat. 65-1130 (2012) 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

Practical Nurse
. . . (d) Practice of nursing. (1) . . . the care, diagnosis, treatment, counsel and health teaching of persons who are experiencing changes in the normal health processes or who require assistance in the maintenance of health or the prevention or management of illness, injury or infirmity; administration, supervision or teaching of the process as defined in this section; and the execution of the medical regimen as prescribed by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to practice dentistry. . . . (2) The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse means the performance . . . of tasks and responsibilities defined in part (1) of this subsection (d) . . . under the direction of a registered professional nurse, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to practice dentistry. . . . Kan. Stat. 65-1113 (2012) Definitions

. . . (d) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit any . . . licensed practical nurse . . . 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 . . . . Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-11-104a (2012) Protocol requirements; prescription orders

Registered Nurse
. . . (d) Practice of nursing. (1) The practice of professional nursing as performed by a registered professional nurse . . . means the process in which substantial specialized knowledge derived from the biological, physical, and behavioral sciences is applied to: the care, diagnosis, treatment, counsel and health teaching of persons who are experiencing changes in the normal health processes or who require assistance in the maintenance of health or the prevention or management of illness, injury or infirmity; administration, supervision or teaching of the process as defined in this section; and the execution of the medical regimen as prescribed by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to practice dentistry. . . . Kan. Stat. 65-1113 (2012) Definitions

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PHARMACIST
. . . (b) “Practice of pharmacy” means . . . the administering of vaccine pursuant to a vaccination protocol . . . . Kan. Stat. 65-1626a (2012) Practice of pharmacy defined; persons engaged as pharmacists

(a) A pharmacist or a pharmacy student or intern who is working under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist may administer influenza vaccine to a person six years of age or older and may administer vaccine, other than influenza vaccine, to a person 18 years of age or older pursuant to a vaccination protocol . . . . Kan. Stat. 65-1635a (2012) Administration of vaccine; education and reporting requirements; delegation of authority prohibited; “pharmacist” defined
“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. Kan. Stat. 65-1626 (2012) Definitions

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
A physician assistant may perform acts that constitute the practice of medicine and surgery in the following instances: (a) If directly ordered, authorized, and coordinated by the responsible or designated physician through the physician's immediate or physical presence; (b) if directly ordered, authorized, and coordinated by the responsible or designated physician through radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication; (c) if authorized on the form provided by, and presented to, the board by the responsible physician. Kan. Admin. Regs. 100-28a-6 (2012) Scope of practice

(a) Physician assistants practice in a dependent role with a responsible physician, and may perform those duties and responsibilities through delegated authority or written protocol. (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. Kan. Stat. 65-28a08 (2012) Practice of physician assistant; direction and supervision of physician; prescription of drugs; identification to patient of physician assistant; rules and regulations; “drug” defined

(a) A physician assistant may prescribe a prescription-only drug or 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-only 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. (h) A physician assistant shall not administer, supply, or prescribe a prescription-only drug for any quantity or strength in excess of the normal and customary practice of the responsible physician. Kan. Admin. Regs. 100-28a-13 (2012) Prescription-only drugs

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