**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.

**NURSES**

**Advanced Practice**

As used in this Part: ... (1) ... An advanced practice registered nurse shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) Certified nurse midwife ... (c) Clinical nurse specialist ... (d) Nurse practitioner ... (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. ... (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 ... drugs, therapeutic regimens ... and distributing drugs for administration to and use by other individuals within the scope of practice as defined by the board. ...
(8) “Collaborative practice” means the joint management of the health care of a patient by an advanced practice registered nurse performing advanced practice registered nursing and one or more consulting physicians or dentists. Except as otherwise provided . . . acts of medical diagnosis and prescription by an advanced practice registered nurse shall be in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement. (9) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a formal written statement addressing the parameters of the collaborative practice which are mutually agreed upon by the advanced practice registered nurse and one or more licensed physicians or dentists which shall include but not be limited to the following provisions: (a) Availability of the collaborating physician or dentist for consultation or referral, or both. (b) Methods of management of the collaborative practice which shall include clinical practice guidelines. (c) Coverage of the health care needs of a patient during any absence of the advanced practice registered nurse, physician, or dentist. . . .  


A. Collaboration is a process in which an APRN has a relationship with one or more physicians or dentists to deliver health care services. Such collaboration is to be evidenced by the APRN scope of practice and indicates the relationships that they have with physicians or dentists to deal with issues outside their scope of practice.

B. Scope of Practice. . . . The APRN who engages in medical diagnosis and management shall have a collaborative practice agreement that includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions . . . 1. availability of the collaborating physician or dentist for consultation or referral, or both; 2. methods of management of the collaborative practice which shall include clinical practice guidelines; and 3. coverage of the health care needs of a patient during any absence of the APRN, physician, or both parties. . . .

D. Prescriptive and Distributing Authority. . . . An APRN may be granted prescriptive authority to prescribe assessment studies, including pharmaceutical diagnostic testing (e.g., dobutamine stress testing) legend . . . drugs, therapeutic regimens . . . and distributing drugs for administration to and use by other individuals . . . . 1. The applicant shall . . . d. provide evidence of . . . vi. a collaborative practice agreement . . . with one or more licensed collaborating physicians which shall include, but not be limited to: (a). a plan of accountability among the parties that: (i). defines the prescriptive authority of the APRN and the responsibilities of the collaborating physician or physicians . . . (c). documentation of the availability of the collaborating physician when the physician is not physically present in the practice setting. Physicians shall be available to provide consultation as needed . . . (iii). in the event the collaborating physician and any secondary (back-up) collaborating physician(s) are unavailable, the APRN will not prescribe . . .  


Registered Nurse

. . . (14) “Registered nursing” means the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual's educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities, including: (a) Assessing the health status of an individual or group of individuals. . . . (e) . . . executing health care regimens as prescribed by licensed physicians, dentists, optometrists, or other authorized prescribers. . . .  


. . . Delegating Nursing Interventions . . . a. The registered nurse shall assess the patient care situation which encompasses the stability of the clinical environment and the clinical acuity of the patient, including the overall complexity of the patient's health care problems. . . . Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist or Authorized Prescriber . . . b. 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 or to administer anesthetic agents . . .  


PHARMACIST

A. H1N1 Vaccine Administration. The department shall provide coverage for administration of the H1N1 vaccine by a qualified pharmacist when: 1. the pharmacist has been credentialed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to administer medications; and 2. the pharmacist is Medicaid-enrolled. 

Collaborative Drug Therapy Management or Drug Therapy Management—that practice in which a pharmacist, to the extent authorized by a collaborative drug therapy management agreement, voluntarily agrees with a physician registered with the board under this Chapter, to manage the disease specific drug therapy of one or more patients of such physician, within a predetermined range of medication selected by the physician and set forth in a written protocol. Drug therapy management shall be limited to . . . e. administration of vaccines to a patient 16 years of age or older by a pharmacist authorized to administer vaccines by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. . . .

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5. Administration of Vaccines
   a. A collaborative drug therapy management agreement which includes the administration by a pharmacist of a patient specific order for administration of a disease specific vaccine shall include documentation of the pharmacist's authority to administer such medications.

b. In addition to the requirements of this Section, the following information shall be included in any written protocol for any patient receiving a vaccination from a collaborating pharmacist: i. the identity of the drug, dose, and route of administration; ii. the date of the original order and the date of any authorized subsequent dose or administration; iii. a statement the patient or patient's tutor, curator, or legal guardian shall be provided the manufacturer's vaccine information statement with each dose; iv. confirmation written policies and procedures for disposal of used or contaminated supplies shall be utilized; v. a requirement for the pharmacist to immediately report any adverse event to the collaborating physician and such governmental entities as may be directed or required by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; and vi. confirmation the physician shall be promptly available for consultation regarding contraindications and adverse reactions in said physician's patient.

c. This Section shall not prevent or restrict the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, or any other governmental entity of this state from administering vaccines under the authority of other laws of this state.

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." 1. An authority to administer is valid only for the pharmacist meeting the requirements herein and is not transferable. 2. An authority to administer, once granted, is valid for a period of time not to exceed six months, unless revoked sooner by the practitioner granting the order. . . . F. 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.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

A. (1) A physician assistant performs medical services when such services are rendered under the supervision of a supervising physician. . . . A physician assistant may perform those duties and responsibilities that are delegated to him by his supervising physician. . . . B. . . . Medical services rendered by a physician assistant may include but are not limited to: (1) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations. (2) Ordering or performing diagnostic procedures as delegated by the supervising physician. . . . (8) Prescribing certain drugs and medical devices to the extent delegated by the supervising physician. . . . Drugs which may be prescribed are those listed in Schedules III, IV, and V . . . 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". . . .
A. The practice of a physician assistant shall include the performance of medical services that are delegated by the supervising physician and are within the scope of the physician assistant's education, training, and licensure.

B. In accordance with a written clinical practice guideline or protocol 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; making preliminary decisions regarding data gathering and appropriate management and treatment of patients being seen for initial evaluation of a problem or follow-up evaluation of a previously diagnosed and stabilized condition; making appropriate referrals; preparing patient summaries . . . identifying normal and abnormal findings on history, physical examinations and laboratory studies . . . providing counseling and instruction regarding common patient problems; monitoring the effectiveness of therapeutic intervention . . . and, to the extent delegated by the supervising physician, prescribing legend drugs . . . and prescribing medical devices. 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. . . .

E. A physician assistant shall not . . . 3. except to the extent delegated by a supervising physician, as evidenced by approval of registration on file with the board in accordance with . . . these rules: a. issue prescriptions for any medication; or b. order for administration or administer any medication to any patient except pursuant to the specific order or direction of his or her supervising physician . . . .


A. 1. A physician assistant who is registered with the board . . . to prescribe medication and/or medical devices may, to the extent of such registration and the authority delegated by such supervising physician: a. issue prescriptions for medication . . . to a patient of the supervising physician; b. transmit orally, electronically, or in writing on a patient's record a prescription or order to an individual who may lawfully furnish such medication . . . and c. request, receive, sign for and deliver to a patient a bona fide medication sample. . . .

C. A physician assistant who has been delegated prescriptive authority shall not: 1. utilize prescriptive authority without supervision . . . or at any location other than specified in the supervising physician's registration of delegation of prescriptive authority filed with the board, except in life-threatening emergencies; 2. prescribe medication or medical devices: a. except to the extent delegated by a supervising physician, as evidenced by approval of registration on file with the board in accordance with . . . these rules; b. beyond the physician assistant's education, training and experience; c. outside of his specialty or that of the supervising physician; d. in the absence of clinical practice guidelines or protocols. . . e. except in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; f. when the supervising physician, or in his absence an approved locum tenens physician, and physician assistant do not have the capability to be in contact with each other by telephone or other telecommunication. . . .

La. Admin. Code 46:XLV.4506 (2012)  Services Performed by Physician Assistants Registered to Prescribe Medication or Medical Devices; Prescription Forms; Prohibitions

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. . . C. The activities listed above may be performed in any setting authorized by the supervising physician including: clinics, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, patient homes, nursing homes, other institutional settings, and health manpower shortage areas. *La. Rev. Stat. 37:1360.31 (2012) Services performed by physician assistants*

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