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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**

The Board will grant a nurse-midwife license to an applicant who meets the following requirements. The applicant shall: (1) Be licensed as a registered nurse in this Commonwealth. . . . **49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.2 (2013) Licensure requirements**

The midwife is authorized and required to do the following . . . . (5) A nurse-midwife may, in accordance with a collaborative agreement with a physician, and consistent with the nurse-midwife's academic educational preparation and National certification by the AMCB or its successor organizations, prescribe, dispense, order and administer . . . immunizing agents . . . and preventative measures. . . . (7) Perform medical services in the care of women and neonates that may go beyond the scope of midwifery, if the authority to perform those services is delegated by the collaborating physician in the collaborative agreement, and the delegation is consistent with standards of practice embraced by the nurse-midwife and the relevant physician communities in this Commonwealth, as set forth in §§ 18.401—18.402 (relating to medical doctor delegation of medical services). **49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.6 (2012) Practice of midwifery**
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. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.21 (2012) Definitions

. . . (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. Admin. Code § 18.54 (2012) Prescribing and dispensing parameters

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 . . . only if the following conditions are met: (1) The LPN has . . . satisfactorily completed a . . . program . . . intended to provide training necessary for administering immunizing agents . . . (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 . . . 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 . . . agents which the LPN may administer. (ii) Determination of contraindications for the administration of specific immunizing . . . 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. Admin. Code § 21.145 (2012) Functions of the LPN

Registered Nurse

(a) Immunization . . . 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 . . . 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 . . . agents which the nurse may administer. (ii) Determine contraindications for the administration of specific immunizing . . . 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 . . . agents. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 21.16 (2012) Immunizations
(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 Pa. Stat. § 390-9.2 (2012) Authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations

(a) A pharmacist who is granted authority may administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations to persons who are more than 18 years of age. 49 Pa. Admin. Code §27.403 (2012) Conditions for administration

(a) A pharmacist authorized by the Board to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations may only do so under either an order or written protocol. . . . (c) An authorized pharmacist may enter into a written protocol, either approved by a physician or authorized by the medical staff of an institution, governing the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations for a specific period of time or purpose. 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 27.404 (2012) Authority and requirements

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

(a) Authorized services.—A physician assistant may perform a medical service delegated by an approved physician and as approved by the appropriate board. . . . (d) Supervision.—A physician assistant shall not perform a medical service without the supervision and personal direction of an approved physician. . . . (f) Drugs.—A physician assistant shall not independently prescribe or dispense drugs. 63 Pa. Stat. § 422.13 (2012) Physician assistants

(a) . . . A physician assistant may perform those duties and responsibilities, including the ordering, prescribing, dispensing, and administration of drugs and medical devices, as well as the ordering, prescribing, and executing of diagnostic and therapeutic medical regimens, as directed by the supervising physician. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.151 (2012) 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. . . . (8) Perform a medical service without the supervision of a supervising physician. 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.152 (2012) Prohibitions

(a) Prescribing, dispensing and administration of drugs. (1) The supervising physician may delegate to the physician assistant the prescribing, dispensing and administering of drugs and therapeutic devices. 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.158 (2012) Prescribing and dispensing drugs, pharmaceutical aids and devices

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**NURSES**

Nurse Practitioner

(a) In health care facilities providing health services in which the practice of certified registered nurse practitioners involves the acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures, there shall be a committee in each area of practice whose function is to establish standard policies and procedures, in writing, pertaining to the scope and circumstances of the practice of the nurses in the medical management of the patient. (b) The committee shall serve not only as a policy-making body for the special area but also as an advisory and interpretative body to the various staff of the health facility. The committee shall include equal representation from the medical staff, the nursing staff, including a nurse practitioner, and the nursing administration. 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.61 (2012) Institutional health care facility committee; committee determination of standard policies and procedures

**PHARMACIST**

. . . (c) An authorized pharmacist may enter into a written protocol, either approved by a physician or authorized by the medical staff of an institution, governing the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations for a specific period of time or purpose. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 27.404 (2012) Authority and requirements

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

(a) A physician assistant may be employed by a medical care facility. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.161 (2012) Physician assistant employed by medical care facilities

(a) A physician assistant may only provide medical services in an emergency medical care setting. . . . 49 Pa. Admin. Code § 18.162 (2012) Emergency medical services

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