

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE ACT

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS; AMENDING THE PRACTICE SCOPE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

58-70a-501, as enacted by Chapter 229, Laws of Utah 1997

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-70a-501** is amended to read:

58-70a-501. Scope of practice.

(1) A physician assistant may provide any medical services that are not specifically prohibited under this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter, and that are:

- (a) within the physician assistant's skills and scope of competence;
- (b) within the usual scope of practice of the physician assistant's supervising physician;

and

(c) provided under the supervision of a supervising physician and in accordance with a delegation of services agreement.

(2) A physician assistant, in accordance with a delegation of services agreement, may prescribe or administer an appropriate controlled substance if:

- (a) the physician assistant holds a Utah controlled substance license and a DEA registration;
- (b) the prescription or administration of the controlled substance is within the prescriptive practice of the supervising physician and also within the delegated prescribing stated in the delegation of services agreement; and
- (c) the supervising physician cosigns any medical chart record of a prescription of a Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 controlled substance made by the physician assistant.

(3) A physician assistant shall, while practicing as a physician assistant, wear an

identification badge showing his license classification as a practicing physician assistant.

(4) A physician assistant may not:

(a) independently charge or bill a patient, or others on behalf of the patient, for services rendered;

(b) identify himself to any person in connection with activities allowed under this chapter other than as a physician assistant; or

(c) use the title "doctor" or "physician," or by any knowing act or omission lead or permit anyone to believe he is a physician.

[(5) During the initial six months of a physician assistant's licensed practice:]

[(a) the physician assistant shall work only under the direct supervision of a supervising or substitute supervising physician in accordance with a delegation of services agreement; and]

[(b) all patient charts in which the physician assistant enters information shall be reviewed and countersigned by the supervising or substitute supervising physician.]