

181 (1) (a) A physician assistant may provide any medical services that are not specifically
 182 prohibited under this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter, and that are~~[(a)]~~ within the
 183 physician assistant's skills and scope of competence~~;~~.

184 ~~[(b) within the usual scope of practice of the physician assistant's supervising~~
 185 ~~physician; and]~~

186 ~~[(c) provided under the supervision of a supervising physician and in accordance with a~~
 187 ~~delegation of services agreement.]~~

188 (b) A physician assistant shall consult, collaborate with, and refer to appropriate
 189 members of the health care team:

190 (i) as indicated by the patient's condition;

191 (ii) based on the physician assistant's education, experience, and competencies; and

192 (iii) the applicable standard of care.

193 (c) The degree of collaboration under Subsection (1)(b) shall be determined at the
 194 physician assistant's practice, including decisions made by ~~§~~ → :

194a (i) ~~←§~~ the physician assistant's:

195 ~~§~~ → (i) ~~(A)~~ ~~←§~~ employer;

196 ~~§~~ → (ii) ~~(B)~~ ~~←§~~ group;

197 ~~§~~ → (iii) ~~(C)~~ ~~←§~~ hospital service; or

198 ~~§~~ → (iv) ~~(D)~~ ~~←§~~ health care facility credentialing and privileging system ~~§~~ → ~~;~~ ; or

198a (ii) a managed care organization with whom the physician assistant is a network provider.

198b (d) A person described in Subsection (1)(c) may not require a clinical supervisory relationship

198c between a physician assistant and another healthcare provider. ~~←§~~

199 ~~§~~ → (d) (e) ~~←§~~ The services provided by a physician assistant includes, but is not limited
 199a to:

200 (i) obtaining a comprehensive health history;

201 (ii) performing a physical examination;

202 (iii) evaluating, diagnosing, managing, and providing medical treatment;

203 (iv) ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic studies and therapeutic
 204 procedures;

205 (v) educating a patient on health promotion and disease prevention;

206 (vi) providing a consultation upon request; and

207 (vii) writing medical orders.

208 ~~§~~ → (e) (f) ~~←§~~ A physician assistant may, within the physician assistant's scope of
 208a practice:

209 (i) provide a service in any health care facility or program including:

210 (A) a hospital;

211 (B) a nursing care facility;

212 (C) an assisted living facility; and

213 (D) hospice;

214 (ii) obtain informed consent;

215 (iii) supervise, delegate, and assign therapeutic and diagnostic measures;

216 (iv) certify the health or disability of a patient for any local, state, or federal program;

217 and

218 (v) authenticate through a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or

219 endorsement any document that may be authenticated by a physician.

220 ~~§~~ → ~~(ff)~~ (g) ← ~~§~~ A physician assistant is responsible for the care that the physician assistant
221 provides.

222 ~~§~~ → ~~(g)~~ An insurer as defined in Section 31A-1-301 may not:

223 ~~—— (i) solely on the basis that a physician assistant is licensed as a physician assistant;~~

224 ~~—— (A) prohibit the physician assistant from billing and receiving direct payment for a~~
225 ~~medically necessary service that the physician assistant provides to the insurer's enrollee;~~

226 ~~—— (B) deny a claim for a medically necessary service that the physician assistant provides~~
227 ~~to the insurer's enrollee; or~~

228 ~~—— (C) prohibit a physician assistant from being listed as the provider in the billing and~~
229 ~~claims process for payment of the service; or~~

230 ~~—— (ii) impose a practice, education, or collaboration requirement on a physician assistant~~
231 ~~that is inconsistent with or more restrictive than the requirements in this title.]~~ ← ~~§~~

232 (h) (i) A physician assistant may provide health care services as a volunteer for a
233 charitable organization or at a public or private event, including a religious event, youth camp,
234 community event, or health fair, if the physician assistant:

235 (A) receives no compensation for such services; and

236 (B) provides the health care services in a manner that is consistent with the physician
237 assistant's education, experience, and competence.

238 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a physician assistant who is providing volunteer
239 health services under this Subsection (1)(h) may not issue a prescription to a patient for a
240 controlled substance.

241 (2) (a) A physician assistant~~[, in accordance with a delegation of services agreement,]~~

242 may prescribe or administer an appropriate controlled substance if~~[:-(a)-]~~ the physician assistant

243 holds a Utah controlled substance license and a DEA registration[~~;~~and].

244 ~~[(b) the prescription or administration of the controlled substance is within the~~
 245 ~~prescriptive practice of the supervising physician and also within the delegated prescribing~~
 246 ~~stated in the delegation of services agreement.]~~

247 (b) A physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, order, administer, and procure a drug
 248 or medical device.

249 (c) A physician assistant may plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that may include
 250 ordering and prescribing:

251 (i) non-pharmacological interventions, including durable medical equipment, nutrition,
 252 blood, and blood products; and

253 (ii) diagnostic support services, including home health care, hospice, physical therapy,
 254 and occupational therapy.

255 (3) ~~§~~→ (a) ~~←~~§ A physician assistant with less than ~~§~~→ [4,000] 5,000 ~~←~~§ hours of
 255a post-graduate clinical practice

256 experience shall ~~§~~→ :

256a (i) ~~←~~§ practice under written policies and procedures established at a practice level
 257 that:

258 ~~§~~→ [(a)] (A) ~~←~~§ describe how collaboration will occur under Subsections (1)(b) and (c);

259 ~~§~~→ [(b)] (B) ~~←~~§ describe methods for evaluating the physician assistant's competency,
 259a knowledge,

260 and skills; ~~§~~→ [and

261 ~~—~~ (c) (ii) ~~←~~§ provide a copy of the written policies and procedures and documentation of
 262 compliance with this Subsection (3) to the board upon the board's request ~~§~~→ [;] ; and

262a (iii) collaborate with a physician for at least 1,000 hours.

262b (b) A physician assistant who wishes to change specialties to another specialty in which
 262c the PA has less than 2,000 hours of experience shall collaborate for a minimum of 2,000 hours
 262d with a physician who is trained and experienced in the specialty to which the physician
 262e assistant is changing. ~~←~~§

263 (4) (a) This Subsection (4) applies to a physician assistant who:

264 (i) has less than 10,000 hours of practice experience; and

265 (ii) does not practice at:

266 (A) a licensed health care facility;

274 (c) The collaborative practice agreement described in Subsection (4)(b) shall:
 275 (i) describe how collaboration under Subsection (1)(b) will occur;
 276 (ii) be kept on file at the physician assistant's practice location; and
 277 (iii) be provided by the physician assistant to the board upon the board's request.

278 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, a physician assistant may provide
 279 **Ŧ→** ~~[mental health care and mental health therapy and treatment]~~ behavioral change support
 279a services **←Ŧ** in a non-psychiatric practice setting
 280 if the services are consistent with:

280a **Ŧ→** (a) the physician assistant's education, training, and experience; **←Ŧ**
 281 **Ŧ→** ~~[(a)]~~ (b) **←Ŧ** customary and accepted practices in similar practice settings; and
 282 **Ŧ→** ~~[(b)]~~ (c) **←Ŧ** applicable standards of care.

283 ~~[(3)]~~ (6) A physician assistant ~~[shall]~~, while practicing as a physician assistant~~[-]~~:
 284 (a) shall wear an identification badge showing the physician assistant's license
 285 classification as a physician assistant[-]; and

286 ~~[(4) A physician assistant may not:]~~

287 ~~[(a) independently charge or bill a patient, or others on behalf of the patient, for~~
 288 ~~services rendered;]~~

289 (b) may not identify himself or herself to any person in connection with activities
 290 allowed under this chapter other than as a physician assistant[-] or PA.

291 ~~[(c) use the title "doctor" or "physician," or by any knowing act or omission lead or~~
 292 ~~permit anyone to believe the physician assistant is a physician.]~~

293 Section 7. Section **58-70a-502** is amended to read:

294 **58-70a-502. Unlawful conduct.**

295 ~~["Unlawful conduct" includes engaging in practice as a licensed physician assistant~~
 296 ~~while not under the supervision of a supervising physician or substitute supervising physician.]~~

297 Reserved.

298 Section 8. Section **58-70a-503** is amended to read:

299 **58-70a-503. Unprofessional conduct.**

300 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:

301 (a) violation of a patient confidence to any person who does not have a legal right and a
 302 professional need to know the information concerning the patient;

303 (b) knowingly prescribing, selling, giving away, or directly or indirectly administering,
 304 or offering to prescribe, sell, furnish, give away, or administer any prescription drug except for