

REFERENCE TITLE: **medical assistants; scope of practice**

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Introduced by
Representatives Willoughby: Bliss

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1456, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 32-1456, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 32-1456. Medical assistants; allowable tasks; training; use
5 of title; violation; classification
6 A. A medical assistant may perform the following medical procedures
7 under the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine, physician assistant
8 or nurse practitioner:
9 1. Take body fluid specimens.
10 2. Administer injections.
11 B. The board by rule may prescribe other medical procedures that a
12 medical assistant may perform under the direct supervision of a doctor of
13 medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner on a determination by
14 the board that the procedures may be competently performed by a medical
15 assistant.
16 C. Without the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine,
17 physician assistant or nurse practitioner, a medical assistant may do the
18 following tasks:
19 1. Perform billing and coding.
20 2. Verify insurance.
21 3. Make patient appointments.
22 4. Perform scheduling.
23 5. Record ~~a doctor's~~ THE findings OF A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE in
24 patient charts and transcribe materials in patient charts and records.
25 6. Perform visual acuity screening as part of a routine physical.
26 7. Take and record patient vital signs and medical history on
27 medical records.
28 8. COMMUNICATE DOCUMENTED MEDICAL ADVICE, DOCUMENTED INTERPRETATION
29 OF TEST RESULTS AND DOCUMENTED ORDERS FROM A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, PHYSICIAN
30 ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER.
31 9. OBTAIN, PROCESS AND COMMUNICATE MEDICATION OR PROCEDURE PRIOR
32 AUTHORIZATION AS DOCUMENTED AND ORDERED BY A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, PHYSICIAN
33 ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER.
34 D. The board by rule shall prescribe medical assistant training
35 requirements. The training requirements for a medical assistant may be
36 satisfied through a training program that meets all of the following:
37 1. Is designed and offered by a physician.
38 2. Meets or exceeds any of the approved training program
39 requirements specified in rule.
40 3. Verifies the entry-level competencies of a medical assistant as
41 prescribed by rule.

1 4. Provides written verification to the individual of successful
2 completion of the training program.

3 E. A person who uses the title "medical assistant" or a related
4 abbreviation is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor unless that person is
5 working as a medical assistant under the direct supervision of a doctor of
6 medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner or possesses written
7 verification of successful completion of a training program provided
8 pursuant to subsection D of this section.