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HB 2113

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)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 32-1456, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

32-1456. Medical assistants; allowable tasks; training; use of title; violation; classification

A. A medical assistant may perform the following medical procedures under the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner:
   1. Take body fluid specimens.
   2. Administer injections.

B. The board by rule may prescribe other medical procedures that a medical assistant may perform under the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner on a determination by the board that the procedures may be competently performed by a medical assistant.

C. Without the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, a medical assistant may do the following tasks:
   1. Perform billing and coding.
   2. Verify insurance.
   3. Make patient appointments.
   4. Perform scheduling.
   5. Record the findings of a doctor of medicine in patient charts and transcribe materials in patient charts and records.
   6. Perform visual acuity screening as part of a routine physical.
   7. Take and record patient vital signs and medical history on medical records.
   8. Communicate documented medical advice, documented interpretation of test results and documented orders from a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
   9. Obtain, process and communicate medication or procedure prior authorization as documented and ordered by a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

D. The board by rule shall prescribe medical assistant training requirements. The training requirements for a medical assistant may be satisfied through a training program that meets all of the following:
   1. Is designed and offered by a physician.
   2. Meets or exceeds any of the approved training program requirements specified in rule.
   3. Verifies the entry-level competencies of a medical assistant as prescribed by rule.
4. Provides written verification to the individual of successful completion of the training program.

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