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AN ACT

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

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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; definition

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. A MEDICAL ASSISTANT MAY PLACE AND REMOVE URINARY CATHETERS AFTER
12 APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN WHO
13 IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR CHAPTER 17 OF THIS TITLE, A NURSE
14 PRACTITIONER, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE WHO IS
15 LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15 OF THIS TITLE OR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO
16 IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 25 OF THIS TITLE.

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

22 ~~C.~~ D. Without the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine,
23 physician assistant or nurse practitioner, a medical assistant may do the
24 following tasks:

- 25 1. Perform billing and coding.
- 26 2. Verify insurance.
- 27 3. Make patient appointments.
- 28 4. Perform scheduling.
- 29 5. Record the findings of a doctor of medicine in patient charts
30 and transcribe materials in patient charts and records.
- 31 6. Perform visual acuity screening as part of a routine physical.
- 32 7. Take and record patient vital signs and medical history on
33 medical records.
- 34 8. Communicate documented medical advice, documented interpretation
35 of test results and documented orders from a doctor of medicine, physician
36 assistant or nurse practitioner.
- 37 9. Obtain, process and communicate medication or procedure prior
38 authorization as documented and ordered by a doctor of medicine, physician
39 assistant or nurse practitioner.

40 ~~D.~~ E. The board by rule shall prescribe medical assistant training
41 requirements. The training requirements for a medical assistant may be
42 satisfied through a training program that meets all of the following:

- 43 1. Is designed and offered by a physician.
- 44 2. Meets or exceeds any of the approved training program
45 requirements specified in rule.

1 3. Verifies the entry-level competencies of a medical assistant as
2 prescribed by rule.

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

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

11 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "GENERAL SUPERVISION" MEANS
12 THAT A PROCEDURE OR SERVICE IS PROVIDED UNDER THE OVERALL DIRECTION AND
13 CONTROL OF A PHYSICIAN, NURSE PRACTITIONER, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST,
14 CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BUT THAT THE PRESENCE OF
15 THE PHYSICIAN, NURSE PRACTITIONER, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, CERTIFIED
16 NURSE MIDWIFE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS NOT REQUIRED DURING THE
17 PERFORMANCE OF THE PROCEDURE OR SERVICE.