

Board Position Statement

Delegation of Medication Administration by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
Licensed by the
West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional
to
Qualified Medical Assistants in the Primary Care Setting.

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) holding a license issued by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, whose license and certification is in good standing, is permitted to delegate medication administration to any national certified medical assistants in primary care settings under the following conditions:

1. Patient safety is maintained;
2. In person patient assessment has been completed by the APRN;
3. Circumstances don't allow for further decision making by the qualified Medical Assistant;
4. Patients are determined to have a stable condition;
5. The administration of medication has an expected specific determined outcome; and,
6. Facility policies support the practice.

Prior to delegating any medication administration, the APRN is responsible for validating the credentials of the medical assistant to assure completion of a program of study with a curriculum that included pharmacology and medication administration, the medication assistant has a current national certification, and related competencies have been validated within the past twelve months. Each APRN must validate the competencies of the medical assistant. This validation includes direct observation of all routes of medication delivery to patients across the lifespan. This validation must be documented and verified by the signature of the APRN. Each APRN is responsible for the delegated act and related follow through.

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