**AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1456, 32-1559, 32-1803 AND 32-1853.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD.**

**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 which 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 perform DO the following tasks:**

**1. PERFORM billing and coding.**

**2. Verifying VERIFY insurance.**

**3. Making MAKE patient appointments.**

**4. PERFORM scheduling.**

**5. Recording RECORD a doctor's findings in patient charts and transcribing TRANSCRIBE materials in patient charts and records.**

**6. Performing PERFORM visual acuity screening as part of a routine physical.**

**7. Taking TAKE and recording RECORD patient vital signs and medical history on medical records.**

**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.**

**Arizona Medical Board Regulations—Medical Assistants**

**October 2021**

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R4-16-101. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, definitions prescribed under

A.R.S. § 32-1401 and the following apply to this Chapter:

1. “ACLS” means advanced cardiac life support performed

according to certification standards of the American

Heart Association.

2. “Agent” means an item or element that causes an effect.

3. “Approved medical assistant training program” means a

program accredited by one of the following:

a. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health

Education Programs; or

b. The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education

Schools.

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ARTICLE 4. MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

R4-16-401. Medical Assistant Training Requirements

A. After the effective date of this Section, a supervising physician

or physician assistant shall ensure that before a medical assistant is employed, the medical assistant completes either:

1. An approved training program identified in R4-16-101;

or

2. An unapproved training program and successfully passes

the medical assistant examination administered by a certifying organization accredited by either the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or the American

National Standards Institute.

B. This Section does not apply to any person who:

1. Before February 2, 2000:

a. Completed an unapproved medical assistant training

program and was employed as a medical assistant

after program completion; or

b. Was directly supervised by the same physician, physician group, or physician assistant for a minimum

of 2000 hours; or

2. Completes a United States Armed Forces medical services training program.

R4-16-402. Authorized Procedures for Medical Assistants

A. A medical assistant may perform, under the direct supervision

of a physician or a physician assistant, the medical procedures

listed in Appendix B, Core Curriculum for Medical Assistants,

2015 edition of Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation

of Educational Programs in Medical Assisting, published by

the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education

Programs. This material is incorporated by reference, does not

include later amendments or editions, and may be obtained

from the publisher at 25400 U.S. Highway 19 N, Suite 158,

Clearwater, FL 33763, www.caahep.org, or the Board.

B. In addition to the medical procedures in subsection (A), a

medical assistant may administer the following under the

direct supervision of a physician or physician assistant:

1. Whirlpool treatments,

2. Diathermy treatments,

3. Electronic galvation stimulation treatments,

4. Ultrasound therapy,

5. Massage therapy,

6. Traction treatments,

7. Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulation unit treatments,

8. Hot and cold pack treatments, and

9. Small volume nebulizer treatments.