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A Bill

SENATE BILL 99

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO DELEGATE
10 CERTAIN TASKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO
14 DELEGATE CERTAIN TASKS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-95-208 is amended to read as follows:
20 17-95-208. Rules on physician's authority to delegate.

21 (a) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall adopt rules that establish
22 standards to be met and procedures to be followed by a physician or a
23 physician assistant with respect to the ~~physician's~~ delegation of the
24 performance of medical practices to a qualified and properly trained employee
25 who is not licensed or otherwise specifically authorized by the Arkansas Code
26 to perform the practice.

27 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) of this section shall
28 provide that:

29 (1) The delegating physician or a physician assistant remains
30 responsible for the acts of the employee performing the delegated practice;

31 (2) The employee performing the delegated practice shall not be
32 represented to the public as a licensed physician, licensed nurse, licensed
33 physician's assistant, or other licensed healthcare provider; and

34 (3) Medical practices delegated under this section shall be
35 performed under the ~~physician's~~ supervision of the physician or physician
36 assistant.



1 (c) Delegation of medical practices under this section may include
 2 administration of drugs that do not require substantial specialized judgment
 3 and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological,
 4 physical, and social sciences as determined by the board.

5 (d) Rules adopted regarding the delegation of the administration of
 6 drugs shall provide for:

7 (1) The delegated administration of drugs only within the
 8 physical boundaries of the office in which the delegating physician's offices
 9 physician or physician assistant practices;

10 (2) Evaluation of whether delegation is appropriate according to
 11 the acuity of the patient involved;

12 (3) Training and competency requirements that shall be met by
 13 the person administering the drugs; and

14 (4) Other standards and procedures the board considers relevant.

15 (e) The board shall not adopt rules that:

16 (1) Authorize a physician to transfer to a health professional
 17 other than ~~another~~ a physician or physician assistant the physician's
 18 responsibility for supervising a delegated medical practice;

19 (2) ~~Authorize an individual to whom a medical practice is~~
 20 ~~delegated to delegate the performance of that practice to another individual;~~

21 ~~(3)~~ Authorize a physician to delegate the administration of
 22 anesthesia; or

23 ~~(4)~~(3) Conflict with a provision of the Arkansas Code that
 24 specifically authorizes an individual to perform a particular practice.

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 26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-105-107, concerning the scope of
 27 authority and delegatory authority of a physician assistant, is amended to
 28 add an additional subsection to read as follows:

29 (e) A physician assistant may delegate certain tasks as authorized
 30 under § 17-95-208 and the rules of the Arkansas State Medical Board.

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