

311.858 Services and procedures that may be performed by physician assistant -- Restrictions.

- (1) A physician assistant may perform medical services and procedures within the scope of medical services and procedures described in the supervision agreement under KRS 311.854.
- (2) A physician assistant may initiate evaluation and treatment in emergency situations without specific approval.
- (3) A physician assistant may prescribe and administer all nonscheduled legend drugs and medical devices to the extent approved by the supervising physician. A physician assistant who is approved and has prescribing authority may request, receive, sign for, and distribute professional samples of nonscheduled legend drugs to patients.
- (4)
 - (a) A physician assistant who has been approved by the board pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection, may prescribe and administer Schedules II, III, IV, and V controlled substances, as described in KRS Chapter 218A, to the extent approved by the supervising physician and as permitted under paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this subsection.
 - (b) Before a physician assistant engages in prescribing or administering controlled substances, the physician assistant shall:
 1. Have at least one (1) year of experience as a licensed and practicing physician assistant;
 2. Submit to the board a completed application for prescriptive authority for controlled substances signed by the physician assistant's supervising physician in accordance with KRS 311.856;
 3. Receive from the board, or its executive director, a notice that the application for prescriptive authority has been approved; and
 4. Obtain a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and register with the electronic system for monitoring controlled substances established in KRS 218A.202 and any other applicable state controlled substance regulatory authority.
 - (c) Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for narcotic Schedule II controlled substances classified under KRS 218A.060, except for hydrocodone combination products as defined in KRS 218A.010, shall be limited to a seventy-two (72) hour supply without any refill.
 - (d) Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for hydrocodone combination products as defined in KRS 218A.010, nonnarcotic Schedule II controlled substances, and Schedule III controlled substances, as defined in KRS 218A.060 and 218A.080, shall be limited to a thirty (30) day supply without any refill.
 - (e) Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for Schedule IV or V controlled substances, as defined in KRS 218A.100 and 218A.120, shall be limited to the original prescription and refills not to exceed a six (6) month supply.

- (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (e) of this subsection, prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for benzodiazepines or Carisoprodol shall be limited to a thirty (30) day supply without any refill.
- (5) A physician assistant shall not submit direct billing for medical services and procedures performed by the physician assistant.
- (6) A physician assistant may perform local infiltrative anesthesia under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, but a physician assistant shall not administer or monitor general or regional anesthesia unless the requirements of KRS 311.862 are met.
- (7) A physician assistant may perform services in the offices or clinics of the supervising physician. A physician assistant may also render services in hospitals or other licensed health care facilities only with written permission of the facility's governing body, and the facility may restrict the physician assistant's scope of practice within the facility as deemed appropriate by the facility.
- (8) A physician assistant shall not practice medicine or osteopathy independently. Each physician assistant shall practice under a supervision agreement as described in KRS 311.854.

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