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1 AN ACT Relating to defining the administration of medication by
2 medical assistants; and amending RCW 18.360.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.360.010 and 2012 c 153 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Administer" means the retrieval of medication, and its
9 application to a patient, as authorized in RCW 18.360.050.

10 (2) "Delegation" means direct authorization granted by a licensed
11 health care practitioner to a medical assistant to perform the
12 functions authorized in this chapter which fall within the scope of
13 practice of the health care provider and the training and experience
14 of the medical assistant.

15 ((+2)) (3) "Department" means the department of health.

16 ((+3)) (4) "Health care practitioner" means:

17 (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW;

18 (b) An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under chapter
19 18.57 RCW; or

20 (c) Acting within the scope of their respective licensure, a
21 podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, a

1 registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed
2 under chapter 18.79 RCW, a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A
3 RCW, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, an
4 osteopathic physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, or
5 an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW.

6 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Medical assistant-certified" means a person
7 certified under RCW 18.360.040 who assists a health care practitioner
8 with patient care, executes administrative and clinical procedures,
9 and performs functions as provided in RCW 18.360.050 under the
10 supervision of the health care practitioner.

11 ~~((5))~~ (6) "Medical assistant-hemodialysis technician" means a
12 person certified under RCW 18.360.040 who performs hemodialysis and
13 other functions pursuant to RCW 18.360.050 under the supervision of a
14 health care practitioner.

15 ~~((6))~~ (7) "Medical assistant-phlebotomist" means a person
16 certified under RCW 18.360.040 who performs capillary, venous, and
17 arterial invasive procedures for blood withdrawal and other functions
18 pursuant to RCW 18.360.050 under the supervision of a health care
19 practitioner.

20 ~~((7))~~ (8) "Medical assistant-registered" means a person
21 registered under RCW 18.360.040 who, pursuant to an endorsement by a
22 health care practitioner, clinic, or group practice, assists a health
23 care practitioner with patient care, executes administrative and
24 clinical procedures, and performs functions as provided in RCW
25 18.360.050 under the supervision of the health care practitioner.

26 ~~((8))~~ (9) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of
27 health.

28 ~~((9))~~ (10) "Supervision" means supervision of procedures
29 permitted pursuant to this chapter by a health care practitioner who
30 is physically present and is immediately available in the facility.
31 The health care practitioner does not need to be present during
32 procedures to withdraw blood, but must be immediately available.

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