

WAC 246-841-586 Applicability. WAC 246-841-587 through 246-841-595 apply to the endorsement of a nursing assistant-certified as a medication assistant. A nursing assistant-certified with a medication assistant endorsement administers medications and nursing commission-approved treatments to residents in nursing homes, under the direct supervision of a designated registered nurse.

Nothing in these rules requires a nursing home to employ a nursing assistant-certified with a medication assistant endorsement. A medication assistant's employer may limit or restrict the range of functions permitted in these rules but may not expand those functions.

WAC 246-841-587 through 246-841-595 also apply to the approval of education and training programs and competency evaluations for medication assistants.

A medication assistant is responsible and accountable for his or her specific functions.

[Statutory Authority: 2012 c 208 and RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 13-15-012, § 246-841-586, filed 7/8/13, effective 7/8/13.]