

WAC 246-841A-586 Applicability. WAC 246-841A-589 through 246-841A-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 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 their employee's functions permitted in these rules, but may not expand those functions.

WAC 246-841A-589 through 246-841A-595 also apply to the approval of education and training programs and the competency evaluation for medication assistants.

Medication assistants are responsible and accountable for their specific functions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260, 18.88A.030, 18.88A.060, 18.88A.090, 18.88A.082, 18.88A.087, 43.70.040, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280. WSR 23-20-117, § 246-841A-586, filed 10/3/23, effective 11/3/23.]