

Chapter 166

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Original House Bill No. 208

AN ACT relating to physician assistants; expanding membership on the board of medicine to include a physician assistant; conforming provisions; expanding the scope of practice of physician assistants as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-26-201(a), (c) and (e), 33-26-502 by creating a new subsection (c) and by renumbering (c) as (d) and 33-26-510(c) are amended to read:

33-26-201. State board of medicine; composition; appointment; terms; qualifications; removal; vacancies; quorum.

(a) The Wyoming state board of medicine shall consist of five (5) physicians licensed to practice medicine in Wyoming, one (1) of whom shall possess the degree of doctor of osteopathy, one (1) physician assistant and two (2) nonphysician members not directly related to physicians, appointed by the governor by and with the consent of the senate as required by W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103. Board members appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The board members shall annually elect a president and a vice-president.

(c) Physician and physician assistant members shall reside in and practice medicine in this state, and nonphysician members shall reside in this state.

(e) A quorum of the board consists of ~~five (5)~~ six (6) board members and shall have a nonphysician member present.

33-26-502. Scope of W.S. 33-26-501 through 33-26-511.

(c) Physician assistants are health care providers and shall be considered health care providers for all provisions of state law. Physician assistants shall be considered agents of their supervising physician in the performance of all practice related activities, including, but not limited to, the ordering of diagnostic, therapeutic and other medical services.

~~(e)~~(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to conflict with or alter the provisions and requirements of W.S. 33-26-101 through 33-26-410.

33-26-510. Prescription of drugs.

(c) A physician assistant may prescribe medications only as an agent of the supervising physician. A physician assistant ~~shall not~~ may prescribe ~~schedule I and schedule II through schedule V~~ drugs as defined by W.S. ~~35-7-1013-35-7-1015~~ through ~~35-7-1016-35-7-1022~~. The supervising

physician may delegate authority to the physician assistant to dispense prepackaged medications in rural clinics when pharmacy services are not physically available. The board shall, after consultation with the state board of pharmacy, promulgate rules and regulations governing the prescription of medications by a physician assistant.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2001.

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