

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

April 2, 2015

Tomas Walker, DNP, APRN, CDE  
Sent via email

Re: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses working with Medical Assistants

Dear Mr. Walker;

Thank you for contacting the Nevada State Board of Nursing to seek guidance regarding the role of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) working with Medical Assistants (MAs). Attached to this letter you will find the pertinent law which is found in NAC Chapter 630 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Medical Examiners.

APRNs may supervise MAs, but APRNs may not delegate nursing tasks to MAs. MAs may not work under the APRN's license. MAs may only do invasive tasks, such as injections or any procedures, when the physician or physician assistant (PA) is in house when the MA is performing the task. The MA is working under the physician's or the PA's license who is responsible for and who is delegating the actions to the MA.

An APRN may "supervise" an MA as long as the MA is only doing things like vital signs, weights, or putting the patient in a room in anticipation of the visit with the APRN, physician, or PA.

MAs may implement the orders written by an APRN that include the administration of medication or injections, etc., but MAs may only do those delegated tasks if the physician or PA is in house.

Please feel free to contact our office at 888-590-6726 should you have further questions.

Sincerely,  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING



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Executive Director

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**NAC 630.800 "Delegating practitioner" defined.** (NRS 630.130, 630.138) As used in NAC 630.800 to 630.830, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, "delegating practitioner" means a person who is licensed as a physician or physician assistant and who delegates to a medical assistant the performance of a task pursuant to the provisions of NAC 630.810 or 630.820.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Medical Exam'rs by R094-12, eff. 2-20-2013)

**NAC 630.810 Delegation of tasks to medical assistant.** (NRS 630.130, 630.138)

1. A delegating practitioner may delegate to a medical assistant the performance of a task if:

- (a) The delegating practitioner knows that the medical assistant possesses the knowledge, skill and training to perform the task safely and properly;
- (b) The medical assistant is not required to be certified or licensed to perform that task; and
- (c) The medical assistant is employed by the delegating practitioner or the medical assistant and the delegating practitioner are employed by the same employer.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 630.820, if a medical assistant is delegated a task which involves an invasive procedure, the delegating practitioner must be immediately available to exercise oversight in person while the medical assistant performs the task.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Medical Exam'rs by R094-12, eff. 2-20-2013)

**NAC 630.820 Remote supervision of medical assistant.** (NRS 630.130, 630.138)

1. A delegating practitioner may supervise remotely a medical assistant to whom the practitioner has delegated the performance of a task if:

- (a) The patient is located in a rural area;
- (b) The delegating practitioner is physically located a significant distance from the location where the task is to be performed;
- (c) The delegating practitioner determines that the exigent needs of the patient require immediate attention;
- (d) The patient and the delegating practitioner previously established a practitioner-patient relationship; and
- (e) The delegating practitioner is immediately available by telephone or other means of instant communication during the performance of the task by the medical assistant.

2. As used in this section, "rural area" means any area in this State other than Carson City or the City of Elko, Henderson, Reno, Sparks, Las Vegas or North Las Vegas.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Medical Exam'rs by R094-12, eff. 2-20-2013)

**NAC 630.830 Prohibited activities by delegating practitioner.** (NRS 630.130, 630.138) A delegating practitioner retains responsibility for the safety and performance of each task which is delegated to a medical assistant. A delegating practitioner shall not:

1. Delegate a task that is not within the authority, training, expertise or normal scope of practice of the delegating practitioner;
2. Transfer to another physician or physician assistant the responsibility of supervising a medical assistant during the performance of a task unless the physician or physician assistant knowingly accepts that responsibility;
3. Authorize or allow a medical assistant to delegate the performance of a task delegated to the medical assistant to any other person; or
4. Delegate or otherwise allow a medical assistant to administer an anesthetic agent which renders a patient unconscious or semiconscious.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Medical Exam'rs by R094-12, eff. 2-20-2013)