

R4-16-101. Definitions

Unless context otherwise requires, definitions prescribed under A.R.S. § 32-1401 and the following apply to this Chapter:

"Approved medical assistant training program" means a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES); a medical assisting program accredited by any accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or a training program designed and offered by a licensed allopathic physician that meets or exceeds any of the prescribed accrediting programs and verifies the entry-level competencies of a medical assistant prescribed under R4-16-402(A).

Historical Note

Former Rule 12. Former Section R4-16-01 repealed, new Section R4-16-101 adopted effective June 1, 1984 (Supp. 84-3). Section repealed, new Section renumbered from R4-16-103 effective September 22, 1995 (Supp. 95-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 830, February 7, 2002 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4270, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Former Section R4-16-101 recodified to R4-16-102 at 11 A.A.R. 1283, effective March 25, 2005 (Supp. 05-1). New Section made by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 823, effective February 23, 2006 (Supp. 06-1).

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ARTICLE 4. MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

R4-16-401. Medical Assistant Training Requirements

A. A supervising physician or physician assistant shall ensure that a medical assistant satisfies one of the following training requirements before employing the medical assistant:

1. Completion of an approved medical assistant training program; or
2. Completion of an unapproved medical assistant training program and passage of the medical assistant examination administered by either the American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Medical Technologists.

B. This Section does not apply to any person who:

1. Before February 2, 2000:
 - a. Completed an unapproved medical assistant training program and was employed as a medical assistant after program completion; or
 - b. Was directly supervised by the same physician, physician group, or physician assistant for a minimum of 2000 hours; or
2. Completes a United States Armed Forces medical services training program.

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 830, February 7, 2002 (Supp. 02-1). Former Section R4-16-401 recodified to R4-16-501; New Section R4-16-401 recodified from R4-16-301 at 11 A.A.R. 1283, effective March 25, 2005 (Supp. 05-1). Former Section R4-16-401 repealed; New Section R4-16-401 renumbered from R4-16-402 and amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 823, effective February 23, 2006 (Supp. 06-1).

R4-16-402. Authorized Procedures for Medical Assistants

A. A medical assistant may perform, under the direct supervision of a physician or a physician assistant, the medical procedures listed in the 2003 revised edition, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program's, "Standards and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Medical Assistant, Section (III)(C)(3)(a) through (III)(C)(3)(c)." This material is incorporated by reference, does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, and may be obtained from the publisher at 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1970, Chicago, Illinois 60601, www.caahep.org, or the Arizona Medical Board at 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, www.azmd.gov.

B. In addition to the medical procedures in subsection (A), a medical assistant may administer the following under the direct supervision of a physician or physician assistant:

1. Whirlpool treatments,
2. Diathermy treatments,
3. Electronic galvanation stimulation treatments,
4. Ultrasound therapy,
5. Massage therapy,
6. Traction treatments,
7. Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulation unit treatments,
8. Hot and cold pack treatments, and
9. Small volume nebulizer treatments.

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 830, February 7, 2002 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4270, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Former Section R4-16-402 recodified to R4-16-502; New Section R4-16-402 recodified from R4-16-302 at 11 A.A.R. 1283, effective March 25, 2005 (Supp. 05-1). Former Section R4-16-402 renumbered to R4-16-401; New Section R4-16-402 renumbered from R4-16-403 and amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 823, effective February 23, 2006 (Supp. 06-1).