

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.17548 Prohibiting or restricting delegation of medical care service or requiring higher levels of supervision; making calls or going on rounds; rules concerning prescribing of drugs; ordering, receiving, and dispensing complimentary starter dose drugs.**

Sec. 17548.

(1) Except for a medical care service within a practice agreement, to the extent that a particular selected medical care service requires extensive medical training, education, or ability or pose serious risks to the health and safety of patients, the board may prohibit or otherwise restrict the delegation of that medical care service or may require higher levels of supervision. To the extent that a particular medical care service requires extensive training, education, or ability or poses serious risks to the health or safety of patients, the board may prohibit or otherwise restrict that medical care service within a practice agreement.

(2) A physician's assistant may make calls or go on rounds in private homes, public institutions, emergency vehicles, ambulatory care clinics, hospitals, intermediate or extended care facilities, health maintenance organizations, nursing homes, or other health care facilities in accordance with a practice agreement. Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, a physician's assistant may make calls or go on rounds as provided in this subsection without restrictions on the time or frequency of visits by a physician or the physician's assistant.

(3) For purposes of subsection (4), the department, in consultation with the board, may promulgate rules concerning the prescribing of drugs by a physician's assistant. Subject to subsection (4), the rules may define the drugs or classes of drugs that a physician's assistant may not prescribe and other procedures and protocols necessary to promote consistency with federal and state drug control and enforcement laws.

(4) A physician's assistant who is a party to a practice agreement may prescribe a drug in accordance with procedures and protocols for the prescription established by rule of the department in consultation with the appropriate board. A physician's assistant may prescribe a drug, including a controlled substance that is included in schedules 2 to 5 of part 72. If a physician's assistant prescribes a drug under this subsection, the physician's assistant's name shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with that prescription. If a physician's assistant prescribes a drug under this subsection that is included in schedules 2 to 5, the physician's assistant's DEA registration number shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with that prescription.

(5) A physician's assistant may order, receive, and dispense complimentary starter dose drugs including controlled substances that are included in schedules 2 to 5 of part 72. If a physician's assistant orders, receives, or dispenses a complimentary starter dose drug under this subsection, the physician's assistant's name shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with that order, receipt, or dispensing. If a physician's assistant orders, receives, or dispenses a complimentary starter dose drug under this subsection that is included in schedules 2 to 5, the physician's assistant's DEA registration number shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with that order, receipt, or dispensing. As used in this subsection, "complimentary starter dose" means that term as defined in section 17745. It is the intent of the legislature in enacting this subsection to allow a pharmaceutical manufacturer or wholesale distributor, as those terms are defined in part 177, to distribute complimentary starter dose drugs to a physician's assistant, as described in this subsection, in compliance with section 503(d) of the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act, 21 USC 353.

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**Compiler's Notes:** In subsection (1), "pose" evidently should read "poses."

**Popular Name:** Act 368

**Admin Rule:** R 338.6101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.