

This is an amendment to 16.10.11 NMAC, Section 9, Effective January 2, 2008.

**16.10.11.9 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS:** A physician shall only be approved as a pharmacist clinician supervisor after the pharmacist clinician registers with the board by submitting an application for authority to practice under the supervision of a licensed physician. The application shall include:

- A.** the name, address, phone number of the applicant and his/her proof of current certification as a pharmacist clinician by the board of pharmacy;
- B.** the name, address, and phone number of the supervising physician;
- C.** a written protocol agreed to and signed by the pharmacist clinician and the supervising physician that shall include:

- (1) a statement identifying the physician authorized to prescribe dangerous drugs and the pharmacist clinician who is a party to the guidelines or protocol;
- (2) a statement of the types of prescriptive authority that the pharmacist clinician is authorized to make within his scope of practice which may include:
  - (a) a statement of the types of diseases, dangerous drugs or dangerous drug categories involved and the type of prescriptive authority authorized in each case; and
  - (b) a general statement of the procedures, decision criteria or plan the pharmacist clinician is to follow when exercising prescriptive authority;
  - (c) a statement of the activities the pharmacist clinician is to follow in the course of exercising prescriptive authority, including documentation of decisions made and a plan for communication to and consultation with the supervising physician concerning specific decisions made; documentation may occur on the prescriptive record, patient profile, patient medical chart or in a separate log book; and
  - (d) a statement that describes appropriate mechanisms for reporting to the physician the pharmacist clinician's activities in monitoring the patients; and
  - (e) a statement that describes ~~provisions~~ provisions for immediate communication or consultation between the pharmacist clinician and the supervising physician or alternate supervising physician.

**D.** The pharmacist clinician may be authorized in the protocol to monitor dangerous drug therapy as follows:

- (1) collecting and reviewing patient dangerous drug histories;
- (2) measuring and reviewing routine patient vital signs including pulse, temperature, blood pressure and respiration; and
- (3) ordering and evaluating the results of laboratory tests relating to dangerous drug therapy, including blood chemistries and cell counts, controlled substance therapy levels, blood, urine, tissue or other body fluids, culture and sensitivity tests when performed in accordance with guidelines or protocols applicable to the practice setting.

**E.** A pharmacist clinician may only prescribe controlled substances if he/she:

- (1) has obtained a New Mexico controlled substances registration and a drug enforcement agency registration, and
- (2) prescribes controlled substances within the parameters of written guidelines or protocols established under these regulations and Section 3, A. of the Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority Act.

**F.** The protocol for each pharmacist clinician shall be reviewed by the board as least every two years.

**G.** A pharmacist clinician shall perform only those services that are set forth in the protocol.

**H.** Pharmacist clinicians may prescribe only those drugs described in a board approved protocol.

**I.** ~~[A physician may not supervise more than two (2) pharmacist clinicians at any given time without the prior approval of the board.]~~ A physician may supervise as many pharmacist clinicians as the physician can effectively supervise and communicate with in the circumstances of their particular practice setting.

**J.** Within thirty days after an employer terminates the employment of a pharmacist clinician, the supervising physician and/or the pharmacist clinician shall submit a written notice to the board providing the date of termination and reason for termination. The pharmacist clinician shall not work as a pharmacist clinician until the board approves another supervising physician.

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