

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Medical Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 32S .0212

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

Consider ending Item (4), line 13, with a colon, rather than a comma, after "substances"

Please end Sub-Item (5)(b) with a semicolon after "prescriptions" rather than a period, in order to be consistent with the rest of the Rule.

In the History Note, Page 2, line 9, please insert the new amended effective date before the May 1, 2018 date. It will look like this:

Amended Eff. February 1, 2021; May 1, 2018.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: December 23, 2020

21 NCAC 32S .0212 is amended as published in 35:04 NCR 498-499 as follows:

21 NCAC 32S .0212 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

A physician assistant may prescribe, order, procure, dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The physician assistant complies with all State and federal laws regarding prescribing, including G.S. 90-18.1(b);
- (2) Each supervising physician and physician assistant incorporates within his or her written supervisory arrangements, as defined in Rule .0201(9) of this Section, instructions for prescribing, ordering, and administering drugs and medical devices and a policy for periodic review by the physician of these instructions and policy;
- (3) In order to compound and dispense drugs, the physician assistant complies with G.S. 90-18.1(c);
- (4) In order to prescribe controlled substances,
 - (a) the physician assistant must have a valid Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration and prescribe in accordance with DEA rules;
 - (b) refills shall be issued consistent with Controlled Substance Law and regulations; and
 - (c) the supervising physician shall possess at least the same schedule(s) of controlled substances as the physician assistant's DEA registration;
- (5) Each prescription issued by the physician assistant contains, in addition to other information required by law, the following:
 - (a) the physician assistant's name, practice address, and telephone number; and
 - (b) ~~the physician assistant's license number and, if applicable, the physician assistant's DEA number for controlled substances prescriptions; prescriptions. and~~
 - (c) ~~the authorizing supervising physician's, either primary or back up, name and telephone number;~~
- (6) The physician assistant documents prescriptions in writing on the patient's record, including the medication name and dosage, amount prescribed, directions for use, and number of refills;
- (7) A physician assistant who requests, receives, and dispenses medication samples to patients complies with all applicable State and federal regulations; and
- (8) A physician assistant shall not prescribe controlled substances, as defined by the State and federal controlled substances acts, for:
 - (a) the physician assistant's own use;
 - (b) the use of the physician assistant's supervising physician;
 - (c) the use of the physician assistant's immediate family;
 - (d) the use of any person living in the same residence as the physician assistant; or
 - (e) the use of any anyone with whom the physician assistant is having a sexual relationship.

1 As used in this Item, "immediate family" means a spouse, parent, child, sibling, parent-in-law, son-in-law or daughter-
2 in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, step-parent, step-child, or step-sibling.

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4 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-18.1;

5 *Eff. September 1, 2009;*

6 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2015; August 1, 2012;*

7 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*
8 *2016;*

9 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2021; Amended Eff. May 1, 2018.*