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NAC 632 "Delegating practitioner" defined.
As used in NAC 632 to 632, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, "delegating practitioner" means a person who is licensed as a Licensed Professional Nurse or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and who delegates to a medical assistant the performance of a task pursuant to the provisions of NAC 632 or 632
NAC 632 Delegation of tasks to medical assistant.
1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 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;
- (c) The medical assistant is employed by the delegating practitioner or the medical assistant and the delegating practitioner are employed by the same employer; and
- (d) The employer of the medical assistant has complied with the requirements of subsection 2 as they relate to the task.
- 2. The employer of a medical assistant shall document in the employment record of the medical assistant that he or she has been appropriately trained and is competent to perform any task or procedure assigned to him or her.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 632,____, 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.
- 4. A medical assistant shall not make a diagnosis, initiate any treatment or prescribe any drug.

NAC 632. Remote supervision of medical assistant.

- 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 Henderson, Reno, Sparks, Las Vegas or North Las Vegas.
- **NAC 632.** Prohibited activities by delegating practitioner. 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 Licensed Professional Nurse or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse the responsibility of supervising a medical assistant during the performance of a task unless the Licensed Professional Nurse or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse 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.