## ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE

## **BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

#### LCB File No. R096-16

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.138.

A REGULATION relating to medical assistants; requiring that certain information be documented in the employment record of a medical assistant; prohibiting a medical assistant from performing certain tasks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

# **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt regulations governing the supervision of a medical assistant. (NRS 630.138) This regulation: (1) requires the employer of a medical assistant to 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; (2) provides that a delegating practitioner may delegate a task to a medical assistant only if the employer of the medical assistant has complied with the documentation requirement as it relates to the task; and (3) prohibits a medical assistant from performing certain tasks.

# **Section 1.** NAC 630.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 630.810 1. [A] 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; [and]
- (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 630.820, 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.