

**Summary of Options for Regulating Medical Assistants in Nevada
as Presented to the Legislative Committee on Health Care**

Authorize Medical Assistants to Administer Dangerous Drugs	Require Physician to verify Medical Assistants’ Skills Prior to Delegating Duties	Require Medical Assistants to Meet Minimal Training Requirements	Require Supervising Physicians’ to Register Medical Assistants
Revise NRS 454.213: Add “Medical Assistants” to the list of persons authorized to possess and administer dangerous drugs, at the direction and under the supervision of a physician.	<p>Supervising physician is required to ensure that the medical assistant to whom the task is being delegated is qualified and properly trained to perform the medical practice or task</p> <p>Require that a physician have a system in place to verify the medical assistants’ skills prior to delegating duties.</p>	<p>Require supervising physicians to ensure the medical assistant meets certain training requirements before they are employed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete an approved training program; or• Complete an unapproved training program and successfully pass the medical assistants examination administered by either the American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Technologist.• Certificate issued by the training institution or instructing physician indicating satisfactory completion of required training.	Require physician’s to register all medical assistants under their supervision with their respective licensing board.

Additional issues addressed in key state scope of practice laws and testimony before the Legislative Committee on Health Care:
Clarify that the supervising physician retains responsibility for the manner in which the delegated task is carried out.
Ensure that each board retains complaints filed against medical assistants, including the name and relevant information concerning the supervising physician.
Specify tasks that may be delegated to medical assistants and the required supervision.
Specify consistent minimal qualifications for all medical assistants.
Require identification of medical assistant and other unlicensed allied health personnel.
Define “Medical Assistants” NAC 630.230 “Medical assistant” means any person who: 1. Is employed by a physician or physician assistant; 2. Is under the direction and supervision of the physician or physician assistant; 3. Assists in the care of a patient; and 4. Is not required to be certified or licensed by an administrative agency to provide that assistance.
Determine the need for any exemptions based on circumstances existing prior to the adoption of any new qualifications for medical assistants. (Grandfather clause.)
Determine which medical professionals will have the authority to supervise a medical assistant.