




Summary Report

Physician Scope of Practice Delegation Laws

In every state physicians can broadly practice medicine under the law. This can include diagnosing, treating, correcting, advising or prescribing medication. In some jurisdictions, physicians can delegate some or all of this practice to other medical professionals. In other jurisdictions, medical professionals have the authority to perform activities independently. And in some jurisdictions, overlap may exist with what can be done independently and what may be delegated. This dataset identifies variations in state laws that address physicians' ability to delegate medical activities to nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and physician assistants.

Additional maps and tables are available at www.lawatlas.org.

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|  | <p>Physicians Can Delegate Activities to Nurse Practitioners</p> <p>In 30 jurisdictions, physicians can delegate medical activities to nurse practitioners.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 30 (AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MI, MO, MS, NC, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WV)</p> |
|  | <p>Physician Must Conduct Chart Reviews for Physician Assistants</p> <p>In 29 jurisdictions, the supervising physician must conduct chart reviews for medical activities delegated to physician assistants.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 29 (AL, CA, CO, CT, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MA, ME, MO, MS, MT, NH, NJ, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV)</p> |
|  | <p>Physician Assistants' Authority to Administer Medication Under Delegation</p> <p>In 27 jurisdictions, a physician may delegate the administration of medication to a physician assistant.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 27 (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, MD, MN, MS, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NM, OR, PA, UT, VT)</p> |