

- (i) Meets the requirements of a hospital-based skilled nursing facility under federal law;
 - (ii) Offers acute care in the same building; and
 - (iii) Has the same protocols and degree of supervision of physician assistants as it does in its acute care area; and
- (3) An emergency room that is physically connected to a hospital.

[(j)] (j) "Job description" means a document executed by a physician assistant and physician that has been approved under this title to permit the delegation of medical acts to a certified physician assistant.]

(k) "Medication order" means a directive written in a medical chart:

- (1) For controlled dangerous substances, noncontrolled substances, or nonprescription medications; and
- (2) In accordance with the protocols of a hospital, public health facility, correctional facility, or detention center.

[(l)] (l) "National certifying examination" means an examination offered by a national organization, which certifies physician assistants as having achieved a certain level of training.

[(m)] (m) "Physician assistant" means an individual who is certified under this title to perform delegated medical acts under the supervision of a physician.

[(n)] (n) "Practice as a physician assistant" means the performance of medical acts THAT ARE:

- (1) [delegated] DELEGATED BY A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN to a physician assistant [under this title];
- (2) WITHIN THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE; AND
- (3) APPROPRIATE TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE.

[(o)] (o) "PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY" MEANS THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN TO A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO PRESCRIBE AND ADMINISTER CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND MEDICAL DEVICES.

[(p)] (p) "Protocols" means written policies, bylaws, rules, or regulations established by a hospital, public health facility, correctional facility, or detention center that:

- (1) Are established in consultation with and with the approval of its medical staff;
- (2) Describe the delegated medical acts a physician assistant may execute; and