

(3) Interpreting and evaluating patient data as authorized by the supervising physician for the purpose of determining management and treatment of patients;

(4) Initiating requests for or performing diagnostic procedures as indicated by pertinent data and as authorized by the supervising physician;

(5) Providing instructions and guidance regarding medical care matters to patients;

(6) Assisting the supervising physician in the delivery of services to patients who require medical care in the home and in health care institutions, including:

(i) Recording patient progress notes;

(ii) Issuing diagnostic orders that must be countersigned by the supervising physician within [48 hours] A PERIOD REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE TO THE PRACTICE SETTING AND CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE MEDICAL PRACTICE; and

(iii) Transcribing or executing specific orders at the direction of the supervising physician; and

(7) [(i) Writing medication orders under an approved delegation agreement and in accordance with § 15-302.1 of this subtitle; or

(ii)] Exercising prescriptive authority under an approved delegation agreement and in accordance with § 15-302.2 of this subtitle.

(d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be certified by the Board before the individual may practice as a physician assistant.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a physician may not supervise a physician assistant in the performance of delegated medical acts without the approval of the Board.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this title or in a medical emergency, a physician assistant may not perform any medical act for which:

(i) The individual has not been certified; and

(ii) The medical acts have not been delegated by a supervising physician.

(e) A physician assistant is the agent of the supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities, including the oral, written, or electronic ordering of diagnostic, therapeutic, and other medical services.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the following individuals may practice as a physician assistant without a certificate: