

SSB 6283 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.360.050 and 2013 c 128 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A medical assistant-certified may perform the following duties  
6 delegated by, and under the supervision of, a health care practitioner:

7 (a) Fundamental procedures:

8 (i) Wrapping items for autoclaving;

9 (ii) Procedures for sterilizing equipment and instruments;

10 (iii) Disposing of biohazardous materials; and

11 (iv) Practicing standard precautions.

12 (b) Clinical procedures:

13 (i) Performing aseptic procedures in a setting other than a  
14 hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW;

15 (ii) Preparing of and assisting in sterile procedures in a setting  
16 other than a hospital under chapter 70.41 RCW;

17 (iii) Taking vital signs;

18 (iv) Preparing patients for examination;

19 (v) Capillary blood withdrawal, venipuncture, and intradermal,  
20 subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections; and

21 (vi) Observing and reporting patients' signs or symptoms.

22 (c) Specimen collection:

23 (i) Capillary puncture and venipuncture;

24 (ii) Obtaining specimens for microbiological testing; and

25 (iii) Instructing patients in proper technique to collect urine and  
26 fecal specimens.

27 (d) Diagnostic testing:

28 (i) Electrocardiography;

29 (ii) Respiratory testing; and

1 (iii)(A) Tests waived under the federal clinical laboratory  
2 improvement amendments program on July 1, 2013. The department shall  
3 periodically update the tests authorized under this subsection (1)(d)  
4 based on changes made by the federal clinical laboratory improvement  
5 amendments program; and

6 (B) Moderate complexity tests if the medical assistant-certified  
7 meets standards for personnel qualifications and responsibilities in  
8 compliance with federal regulation for nonwaived testing.

9 (e) Patient care:

10 (i) Telephone and in-person screening limited to intake and  
11 gathering of information without requiring the exercise of judgment  
12 based on clinical knowledge;

13 (ii) Obtaining vital signs;

14 (iii) Obtaining and recording patient history;

15 (iv) Preparing and maintaining examination and treatment areas;

16 (v) Preparing patients for, and assisting with, routine and  
17 specialty examinations, procedures, treatments, and minor office  
18 surgeries;

19 (vi) Maintaining medication and immunization records; and

20 (vii) Screening and following up on test results as directed by a  
21 health care practitioner.

22 (f)(i) Administering medications. A medical assistant-certified  
23 may only administer medications if the drugs are:

24 (A) Administered only by unit or single dosage, or by a dosage  
25 calculated and verified by a health care practitioner. For purposes of  
26 this section, a combination or multidose vaccine shall be considered a  
27 unit dose;

28 (B) Limited to legend drugs, vaccines, and Schedule III-V  
29 controlled substances as authorized by a health care practitioner under  
30 the scope of his or her license and consistent with rules adopted by  
31 the secretary under (f)(ii) of this subsection; and

32 (C) Administered pursuant to a written order from a health care  
33 practitioner.

34 (ii) A medical assistant-certified may not administer experimental  
35 drugs or chemotherapy agents. The secretary may, by rule, further  
36 limit the drugs that may be administered under this subsection (1)(f).  
37 The rules adopted under this subsection must limit the drugs based on  
38 risk, class, or route.

1 (g) Intravenous injections. A medical assistant-certified may  
2 administer intravenous injections for diagnostic or therapeutic agents  
3 under the direct visual supervision of a health care practitioner if  
4 the medical assistant-certified meets minimum standards established by  
5 the secretary in rule. The minimum standards must be substantially  
6 similar to the qualifications for category D and F health care  
7 assistants as they exist on July 1, 2013.

8 (h) Urethral catheterization when appropriately trained.

9 (2) A medical assistant-hemodialysis technician may perform  
10 hemodialysis when delegated and supervised by a health care  
11 practitioner. A medical assistant-hemodialysis technician may also  
12 administer drugs and oxygen to a patient when delegated and supervised  
13 by a health care practitioner and pursuant to rules adopted by the  
14 secretary.

15 (3) A medical assistant-phlebotomist may perform:

16 (a) Capillary, venous, or arterial invasive procedures for blood  
17 withdrawal when delegated and supervised by a health care practitioner  
18 and pursuant to rules adopted by the secretary;

19 (b) Tests waived under the federal clinical laboratory improvement  
20 amendments program on July 1, 2013. The department shall periodically  
21 update the tests authorized under this section based on changes made by  
22 the federal clinical laboratory improvement amendments program;

23 (c) Moderate and high complexity tests if the medical assistant-  
24 phlebotomist meets standards for personnel qualifications and  
25 responsibilities in compliance with federal regulation for nonwaived  
26 testing and the facility in which the medical assistant-phlebotomist  
27 works meets state requirements for medical test sites in chapter 70.42  
28 RCW and in applicable rules of the department; and

29 (d) Electrocardiograms.

30 (4) A medical assistant-registered may perform the following duties  
31 delegated by, and under the supervision of, a health care practitioner:

32 (a) Fundamental procedures:

33 (i) Wrapping items for autoclaving;

34 (ii) Procedures for sterilizing equipment and instruments;

35 (iii) Disposing of biohazardous materials; and

36 (iv) Practicing standard precautions.

37 (b) Clinical procedures:

38 (i) Preparing for sterile procedures;

1 (ii) Taking vital signs;  
2 (iii) Preparing patients for examination; and  
3 (iv) Observing and reporting patients' signs or symptoms.  
4 (c) Specimen collection:  
5 (i) Obtaining specimens for microbiological testing; and  
6 (ii) Instructing patients in proper technique to collect urine and  
7 fecal specimens.  
8 (d) Patient care:  
9 (i) Telephone and in-person screening limited to intake and  
10 gathering of information without requiring the exercise of judgment  
11 based on clinical knowledge;  
12 (ii) Obtaining vital signs;  
13 (iii) Obtaining and recording patient history;  
14 (iv) Preparing and maintaining examination and treatment areas;  
15 (v) Preparing patients for, and assisting with, routine and  
16 specialty examinations, procedures, treatments, and minor office  
17 surgeries utilizing no more than local anesthetic. The department may,  
18 by rule, prohibit duties authorized under this subsection (4)(d)(v) if  
19 performance of those duties by a medical assistant-registered would  
20 pose an unreasonable risk to patient safety;  
21 (vi) Maintaining medication and immunization records; and  
22 (vii) Screening and following up on test results as directed by a  
23 health care practitioner.  
24 (e)(i) Tests waived under the federal clinical laboratory  
25 improvement amendments program on July 1, 2013. The department shall  
26 periodically update the tests authorized under subsection (1)(d) of  
27 this section based on changes made by the federal clinical laboratory  
28 improvement amendments program.  
29 (ii) Moderate complexity tests if the medical assistant-registered  
30 meets standards for personnel qualifications and responsibilities in  
31 compliance with federal regulation for nonwaived testing.  
32 (f) Administering eye drops, topical ointments, and vaccines,  
33 including combination or multidose vaccines.  
34 (g) Urethral catheterization when appropriately trained."  
35 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Allows a medical assistant-phlebotomist to perform

electrocardiograms and high complexity testing. Requires the facility in which the medical assistant-phlebotomist is working to meet state requirements for medical test sites in order for the medical assistant-phlebotomist to perform moderate or high complexity tests.

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