

§20151. Delegation by physicians and physician associates
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A physician or physician associate may delegate to the physician's or physician associate's employees or support staff or members of a health care team, including medical assistants, certain activities relating to medical care and treatment carried out by custom and usage when the activities are under the control of the physician or physician associate; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, privilege, registration or certification to perform; the physician or physician associate ensures that the employees or support staff or members of a health care team have the appropriate training, education and experience to perform these delegated activities; and the physician or physician associate ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician or physician associate who delegates an activity permitted under this section to employees or support staff, to program graduates or to participants in an approved training program is legally liable for the activity performed by these individuals, and any individual in this relationship is considered the physician's or physician associate's agent. This section may not be construed to apply to registered nurses acting pursuant to chapter 31 or physician associates acting pursuant to this chapter. [PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §7 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §9 (AFF).]

If the delegated activities are part of the practice of optometry as defined in chapter 151, the individual to whom these activities are delegated must possess a valid license to practice optometry in this State, or otherwise may perform only as a technician within the established office of a physician, and otherwise acting solely on the order of and under the responsibility of a physician skilled in the treatment of eyes as designated by the proper professional board, and without assuming evaluation or interpretation of examination findings by prescribing corrective procedures to preserve, restore or improve vision. [PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §7 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §9 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §7 (NEW). PL 2025, c. 738, Pt. A, §9 (AFF).

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