

65-28,127. Licensees who direct, supervise, order, refer, accept responsibility for, enter into practice protocols with or delegate acts which constitute practice of healing arts to others; requirements and limitations; construction of section. (a) Every supervising or responsible licensee who directs, supervises, orders, refers, accepts responsibility for, enters into written agreements or practice protocols with, or who delegates acts which constitute the practice of the healing arts to other persons shall:

- (1) Be actively engaged in the practice of the healing arts in Kansas;
 - (2) review and keep current any required written agreements or practice protocols between the supervising or responsible licensee and such persons, as may be determined by the board;
 - (3) direct, supervise, order, refer, enter into a written agreement or practice protocol with, or delegate to such persons only those acts and functions which the supervising or responsible licensee knows or has reason to believe can be competently performed by such person and is not in violation of any other statute or regulation;
 - (4) direct, supervise, order, refer, enter into a written agreement or practice protocol with, or delegate to other persons only those acts and functions which are within the normal and customary specialty, competence and lawful practice of the supervising or responsible licensee;
 - (5) provide for a qualified, substitute licensee who accepts responsibility for the direction, supervision, delegation and written agreements or practice protocols with such persons when the supervising or responsible licensee is temporarily absent; and
 - (6) comply with all rules and regulations of the board establishing limits and conditions on the delegation and supervision of services constituting the practice of medicine and surgery.
- (b) "Responsible licensee" means a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery or chiropractic who has accepted responsibility for the actions of persons who perform acts pursuant to written agreements or practice protocols with, or at the order of, or referral, direction, supervision or delegation from such responsible licensee.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided by rules and regulations of the board implementing this section, the physician assistant licensure act shall govern the direction and supervision of physician assistants by persons licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.
- (d) Nothing in subsection (a)(4) shall be construed to prohibit a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery from ordering, authorizing or directing anesthesia care by a registered nurse anesthetist pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1158, and amendments thereto.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery from ordering, authorizing or directing physical therapy services pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2901 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery from entering into a co-management relationship with an optometrist pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1501 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (g) The board may adopt rules and regulations establishing limits and conditions on the delegation and supervision of services constituting the practice of medicine and surgery.
- (h) As used in this section, "supervising physician" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto.
- (i) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas healing arts act.

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