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OPINION: Delegation of the administration of medication to CMA's

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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of APRN RN LPN CNA

ADVISORY OPINION

1. APRNs, RNs, and LPN's, may delegate the administration of medication to Certified Medical Assistant's* (CMA) if the CMA has completed the training course in administration of medication approved by the board and all requirements of delegation outlined in regulation 12 AAC 44.965 are met.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this opinion is to clarify when an APRNs, RNs, and LPN's may delegate the administration of medication to unlicensed personnel, specifically a CMA.

Background Information

The CMA role is not addressed in regulation 12 AAC 44. 965.

*"Certified Medical Assistant" means a person who is currently nationally certified as a medical assistant by a national body accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and meets the requirements of 12 AAC 44.965, 12 AAC 44.966