

[S.D. Codified Laws § 36-4A-26.1.]

§ 36-4A-26.1. Physician assistant as agent of supervising physician--Provision of services delegated in practice agreement: Physician Assistants

A physician assistant shall be considered an agent of the supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities. A physician assistant may provide those medical services that are delegated by the supervising physician pursuant to § 36-4A-1.1 if the service is within the physician assistant's skills, forms a component of the physician's scope of practice, and is provided with supervision including:

- (1) Initial medical diagnosis and institution of a plan of therapy or referral;
- (2) Prescribing and provision of drug samples or a limited supply of labeled medications, including controlled substances listed on Schedule II in chapter 34-20B for one period of not more than thirty days, for treatment of causative factors and symptoms. Medications or sample drugs provided to patients shall be accompanied with written administration instructions and appropriate documentation shall be entered in the patient's record. Physician assistants may request, receive, and sign for professional samples of drugs provided by the manufacturer;
- (3) Responding to emergencies and the institution of emergency treatment measures including the writing of a chemical or physical restraint order when the patient may do personal harm or harm others;
- (4) Completing and signing of official documents such as birth and death certificates and similar documents required by law;
- (5) Taking X rays and performing radiologic procedures; and
- (6) Performing physical examinations for participation in athletics and certifying that the patient is healthy and able to participate in athletics.