



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 94**

**SENATE BILL NO. 679**

**By Reeves**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 803

By Marsh, Vital

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to certified medical assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(i)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) In exercising the authority to administer medications pursuant to a physician's or licensed nurse's delegation, a certified medical assistant may administer or prepare only those medications that have been ordered by an authorized healthcare provider and are consistent with the policies and procedures of the applicable facility licensed under this part. Such medications include the following categories:

- (A) Single dose intramuscular or subcutaneous medications;
- (B) Vaccines from single or multi-dose vials or packaging;
- (C) Oral, sublingual, and buccal medications;
- (D) Topical creams and ointments;
- (E) Saline solutions for simple irrigation;
- (F) Eye drops;
- (G) Inhalation treatments, either metered hand-held inhalants or unit dose nebulizers;
- (H) Ear medications;
- (I) Nasal medications;
- (J) Rectal medications; or
- (K) Medications prepared by the certified medical assistant for administration by the provider.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(j), is amended by deleting "shall not delegate to a certified medical assistant the administration of" and substituting "shall not delegate to a certified medical assistant the administration or preparation of".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(j)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

A medication or vaccination requiring calculation of dosage;

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR