
HOUSE BILL 1857

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By Representatives Harris, Dolan, Macri, Riccelli, and Rude

1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the supervision requirements for
2 plasma donation centers; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.360.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.360.010 and 2017 c 336 s 14 are each reenacted
5 and amended to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Administer" means the retrieval of medication, and its
9 application to a patient, as authorized in RCW 18.360.050.

10 (2) "Delegation" means direct authorization granted by a licensed
11 health care practitioner to a medical assistant to perform the
12 functions authorized in this chapter which fall within the scope of
13 practice of the health care provider and the training and experience
14 of the medical assistant.

15 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

16 (4) "Forensic phlebotomist" means a police officer, law
17 enforcement officer, or employee of a correctional facility or
18 detention facility, who is certified under this chapter and meets any
19 additional training and proficiency standards of his or her employer
20 to collect a venous blood sample for forensic testing pursuant to a

1 search warrant, a waiver of the warrant requirement, or exigent
2 circumstances.

3 (5) "Health care practitioner" means:

4 (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW;

5 (b) An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under chapter
6 18.57 RCW; or

7 (c) Acting within the scope of their respective licensure, a
8 podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, a
9 registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed
10 under chapter 18.79 RCW, a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A
11 RCW, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, an
12 osteopathic physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, or
13 an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW.

14 (6) "Medical assistant-certified" means a person certified under
15 RCW 18.360.040 who assists a health care practitioner with patient
16 care, executes administrative and clinical procedures, and performs
17 functions as provided in RCW 18.360.050 under the supervision of the
18 health care practitioner.

19 (7) "Medical assistant-hemodialysis technician" means a person
20 certified under RCW 18.360.040 who performs hemodialysis and other
21 functions pursuant to RCW 18.360.050 under the supervision of a
22 health care practitioner.

23 (8) "Medical assistant-phlebotomist" means a person certified
24 under RCW 18.360.040 who performs capillary, venous, and arterial
25 invasive procedures for blood withdrawal and other functions pursuant
26 to RCW 18.360.050 under the supervision of a health care
27 practitioner.

28 (9) "Medical assistant-registered" means a person registered
29 under RCW 18.360.040 who, pursuant to an endorsement by a health care
30 practitioner, clinic, or group practice, assists a health care
31 practitioner with patient care, executes administrative and clinical
32 procedures, and performs functions as provided in RCW 18.360.050
33 under the supervision of the health care practitioner.

34 (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

35 (11) "Supervision" means supervision of procedures permitted
36 pursuant to this chapter by a health care practitioner who is
37 physically present and is immediately available in the facility. The
38 health care practitioner does not need to be present during

1 procedures to withdraw blood or at a plasma donation facility, but
2 must be immediately available.

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