## **2010 SESSION**

**ENROLLED** 

# 1

## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2901, 54.1-3001, and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia, relating 3 to certain consumer-directed home health care tasks.

4 5

9

10

### Approved

### 6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 7 1. That §§ 54.1-2901, 54.1-3001, and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted 8 as follows:

§ 54.1-2901. Exceptions and exemptions generally.

A. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent or prohibit:

11 1. Any person entitled to practice his profession under any prior law on June 24, 1944, from 12 continuing such practice within the scope of the definition of his particular school of practice;

13 2. Any person licensed to practice naturopathy prior to June 30, 1980, from continuing such practice 14 in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board;

15 3. Any licensed nurse practitioner from rendering care under the supervision of a duly licensed physician when such services are authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of 16 17 Medicine and the Board of Nursing;

4. Any registered professional nurse, licensed nurse practitioner, graduate laboratory technician or 18 19 other technical personnel who have been properly trained from rendering care or services within the scope of their usual professional activities which shall include the taking of blood, the giving of 20 21 intravenous infusions and intravenous injections, and the insertion of tubes when performed under the 22 orders of a person licensed to practice medicine;

23 5. Any dentist, pharmacist or optometrist from rendering care or services within the scope of his 24 usual professional activities;

25 6. Any practitioner licensed or certified by the Board from delegating to personnel supervised by 26 him, such activities or functions as are nondiscretionary and do not require the exercise of professional 27 judgment for their performance and which are usually or customarily delegated to such persons by practitioners of the healing arts, if such activities or functions are authorized by and performed for such 28 29 practitioners of the healing arts and responsibility for such activities or functions is assumed by such 30 practitioners of the healing arts;

31 7. The rendering of medical advice or information through telecommunications from a physician 32 licensed to practice medicine in Virginia or an adjoining state to emergency medical personnel acting in 33 an emergency situation; 34

8. The domestic administration of family remedies;

35 9. The giving or use of massages, steam baths, dry heat rooms, infrared heat or ultraviolet lamps in 36 public or private health clubs and spas;

37 10. The manufacture or sale of proprietary medicines in this Commonwealth by licensed pharmacists 38 or druggists; 39

11. The advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies;

40 12. The fitting by nonitinerant persons or manufacturers of artificial eyes, limbs or other apparatus or 41 appliances or the fitting of plaster cast counterparts of deformed portions of the body by a nonitinerant 42 bracemaker or prosthetist for the purpose of having a three-dimensional record of the deformity, when 43 such bracemaker or prosthetist has received a prescription from a licensed physician directing the fitting 44 of such casts and such activities are conducted in conformity with the laws of Virginia;

45 13. Any person from the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter; 46

14. The practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick and suffering by 47 48 mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for 49 compensation;

50 15. Any legally qualified out-of-state or foreign practitioner from meeting in consultation with legally 51 licensed practitioners in this Commonwealth;

52 16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable 53 regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia 54 temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification by the Board from 55 practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified (i) in a summer 56 camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) while

SB194ER

[S 194]

participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at any 57 58 site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation, to 59 any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services 60 without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;

61 17. The performance of the duties of any commissioned or contract medical officer, or podiatrist in 62 active service in the army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, or public health service of the United States while such individual is so commissioned or serving; 63

18. Any masseur, who publicly represents himself as such, from performing services within the scope 64 65 of his usual professional activities and in conformance with state law;

66 19. Any person from performing services in the lawful conduct of his particular profession or 67 business under state law; 68

20. Any person from rendering emergency care pursuant to the provisions of 8.01-225;

21. Qualified emergency medical services personnel, when acting within the scope of their 69 70 certification, and licensed health care practitioners, when acting within their scope of practice, from following Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders issued in accordance with § 54.1-2987.1 and Board of 71 72 Health regulations, or licensed health care practitioners from following any other written order of a 73 physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;

74 22. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force 75 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant to 76 § 54.1-106;

77 23. Any provider of a chemical dependency treatment program who is certified as an "acupuncture 78 detoxification specialist" by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or an equivalent 79 certifying body, from administering auricular acupuncture treatment under the appropriate supervision of 80 a National Acupuncture Detoxification Association certified licensed physician or licensed acupuncturist;

24. Any employee of any assisted living facility who is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation 81 (CPR) acting in compliance with the patient's individualized service plan and with the written order of 82 83 the attending physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;

25. Any person working as a health assistant under the direction of a licensed medical or osteopathic 84 85 doctor within the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice or local correctional facilities; 86

87 26. Any employee of a school board, authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of 88 insulin and glucagon, when, upon the authorization of a prescriber and the written request of the parents 89 as defined in § 22.1-1, assisting with the administration of insulin or administrating glucagon to a 90 student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for 91 whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia;

27. Any practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board from rendering free health care to an underserved population of Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice his 92 93 94 profession in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another 95 state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteers to provide free health care to 96 an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer, 97 nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people, (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v) 98 99 notifies the Board at least five business days prior to the voluntary provision of services of the dates and location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that such licensure exemption shall only be 100 valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the limited period that such free health care is 101 102 made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization on the dates and at the location filed with the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in Virginia to any practitioner of the healing arts 103 104 whose license or certificate has been previously suspended or revoked, who has been convicted of a felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations. However, the 105 Board shall allow a practitioner of the healing arts who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization 106 107 verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state; 108

109 28. Any registered nurse, acting as an agent of the Department of Health, from obtaining specimens 110 of sputum or other bodily fluid from persons in whom the diagnosis of active tuberculosis disease, as defined in § 32.1-49.1, is suspected and submitting orders for testing of such specimens to the Division 111 112 of Consolidated Laboratories or other public health laboratories, designated by the State Health Commissioner, for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of tubercle bacilli as defined in 113 114 § 32.1-49.1;

115 29. Any physician of medicine or osteopathy or nurse practitioner from delegating to a registered 116 nurse under his supervision the screening and testing of children for elevated blood-lead levels when such testing is conducted (i) in accordance with a written protocol between the physician or nurse 117

practitioner and the registered nurse and (ii) in compliance with the Board of Health's regulations
promulgated pursuant to §§ 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-46.2. Any follow-up testing or treatment shall be
conducted at the direction of a physician or nurse practitioner;

30. Any practitioner of one of the professions regulated by the Board of Medicine who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state or Canada from engaging in the practice of that profession when the practitioner is in Virginia temporarily with an out-of-state athletic team or athlete for the duration of the athletic tournament, game, or event in which the team or athlete is competing; or

126 31. Any licensed nurse practitioner in the category of certified nurse midwife from rendering care in
 127 collaboration and consultation with a duly licensed physician when such services are authorized by
 128 regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing.; or

32. Any person from performing state or federally funded health care tasks directed by the consumer,
which are typically self-performed, for an individual who lives in a private residence and who, by
reason of disability, is unable to perform such tasks but who is capable of directing the appropriate
performance of such tasks.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, a nurse practitioner licensed
by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine in the category of certified nurse midwife may practice without
the requirement for physician supervision while participating in a pilot program approved by the Board
of Health pursuant to § 32.1-11.5.

**137** § 54.1-3001. Exemptions.

**138** This chapter shall not apply to the following:

139 1. The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;

2. The practice of nursing, which is prescribed as part of a study program, by nursing students
enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the Board or by graduates of approved nursing
education programs for a period not to exceed ninety days following successful completion of the
nursing education program pending the results of the licensing examination, provided proper application
and fee for licensure have been submitted to the Board and unless the graduate fails the licensing
examination within the ninety-day period;

3. The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United Statesgovernment while in the discharge of his official duties;

148 4. The practice of nursing by a nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the 149 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or who holds a current unrestricted license 150 in Canada and whose training was obtained in a nursing school in Canada where English was the 151 primary language, for a period of thirty days pending licensure in Virginia, if the nurse, upon 152 employment, has furnished the employer satisfactory evidence of current licensure and submits proper 153 application and fees to the Board for licensure before, or within ten days after, employment. At the 154 discretion of the Board, additional time may be allowed for nurses currently licensed in another state, 155 the District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or Canada who are in the process of 156 attaining the qualification for licensure in this Commonwealth;

157 5. The practice of nursing by any registered nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another
158 state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory, or a nurse who holds an
159 equivalent credential in a foreign country, while enrolled in an advanced professional nursing program
160 requiring clinical practice. This exemption extends only to clinical practice required by the curriculum;

6. The practice of nursing by any nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the
District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory and is employed to provide care to any
private individual while such private individual is traveling through or temporarily staying, as defined in
the Board's regulations, in the Commonwealth;

165 7. General care of the sick by nursing assistants, companions or domestic servants that does not constitute the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter;

167 8. The care of the sick when done solely in connection with the practice of religious beliefs by theadherents and which is not held out to the public to be licensed practical or professional nursing;

9. Any employee of a school board, authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon, when, upon the authorization of a prescriber and the written request of the parents as defined in § 22.1-1, assisting with the administration of insulin or administrating glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia;

10. The practice of nursing by any nurse who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school and has met the credential, language, and academic testing requirements of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date of approval of an application submitted to the Board when such nurse is working as a nonsupervisory staff nurse in a licensed nursing home or certified nursing facility. During such ninety-day period, such nurse shall take and pass the 179 licensing examination to remain eligible to practice nursing in Virginia; no exemption granted under this 180 subdivision shall be extended; or

181 11. The practice of nursing by any nurse rendering free health care to an underserved population in 182 Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice nursing in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or 183 certification to practice nursing in another state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) 184 volunteers to provide free health care to an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices 185 of a publicly supported all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to 186 populations of underserved people, (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other 187 jurisdiction with the Board, (v) notifies the Board at least five business days prior to the voluntary 188 provision of services of the dates and location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that 189 such licensure exemption shall only be valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the 190 limited period that such free health care is made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization 191 on the dates and at the location filed with the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in 192 Virginia to any nurse whose license or certificate has been previously suspended or revoked, who has 193 been convicted of a felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or 194 regulations. However, the Board shall allow a nurse who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer 195 services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization 196 verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state-; or

197 12. Any person performing state or federally funded health care tasks directed by the consumer, 198 which are typically self-performed, for an individual who lives in a private residence and who, by 199 reason of disability, is unable to perform such tasks but who is capable of directing the appropriate 200 performance of such tasks. 201

§ 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.

202 A. A practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry, or veterinary medicine or a licensed 203 nurse practitioner pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01, a licensed physician assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1, or a TPA-certified optometrist pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32 of this title shall 204 205 only prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances in good faith for medicinal or therapeutic 206 purposes within the course of his professional practice.

207 B. The prescribing practitioner's order may be on a written prescription or pursuant to an oral 208 prescription as authorized by this chapter. The prescriber may administer drugs and devices, or he may 209 cause them to be administered by a nurse, physician assistant or intern under his direction and 210 supervision, or he may prescribe and cause drugs and devices to be administered to patients in 211 state-owned or state-operated hospitals or facilities licensed as hospitals by the Board of Health or 212 psychiatric hospitals licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services by 213 other persons who have been trained properly to administer drugs and who administer drugs only under 214 the control and supervision of the prescriber or a pharmacist or a prescriber may cause drugs and 215 devices to be administered to patients by emergency medical services personnel who have been certified 216 and authorized to administer such drugs and devices pursuant to Board of Health regulations governing 217 emergency medical services and who are acting within the scope of such certification. A prescriber may 218 authorize a licensed respiratory care practitioner as defined in § 54.1-2954 to administer by inhalation 219 controlled substances used in inhalation or respiratory therapy.

220 C. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol, the prescriber, who is authorized by 221 state or federal law to possess and administer radiopharmaceuticals in the scope of his practice, may 222 authorize a nuclear medicine technologist to administer, under his supervision, radiopharmaceuticals used 223 in the diagnosis or treatment of disease.

224 D. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the 225 course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize registered nurses and licensed practical 226 nurses to possess (i) epinephrine for administration in treatment of emergency medical conditions and 227 (ii) heparin and sterile normal saline to use for the maintenance of intravenous access lines.

228 Pursuant to the regulations of the Board of Health, certain emergency medical services technicians 229 may possess and administer epinephrine in emergency cases of anaphylactic shock.

E. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course 230 231 of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize licensed physical therapists to possess and 232 administer topical corticosteroids, topical lidocaine, and any other Schedule VI topical drug.

233 F. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course 234 of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize licensed athletic trainers to possess and 235 administer topical corticosteroids, topical lidocaine, or other Schedule VI topical drugs, or to possess and 236 administer epinephrine for use in emergency cases of anaphylactic shock.

237 G. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the 238 course of his professional practice, and in accordance with policies and guidelines established by the Department of Health pursuant to § 32.1-50.2, such prescriber may authorize registered nurses or 239

SB194ER

240 licensed practical nurses under the immediate and direct supervision of a registered nurse to possess and 241 administer tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD) in the absence of a prescriber. The Department of 242 Health's policies and guidelines shall be consistent with applicable guidelines developed by the Centers 243 for Disease Control and Prevention for preventing transmission of mycobacterium tuberculosis and shall 244 be updated to incorporate any subsequently implemented standards of the Occupational Safety and 245 Health Administration and the Department of Labor and Industry to the extent that they are inconsistent 246 with the Department of Health's policies and guidelines. Such standing protocols shall explicitly describe 247 the categories of persons to whom the tuberculin test is to be administered and shall provide for 248 appropriate medical evaluation of those in whom the test is positive. The prescriber shall ensure that the 249 nurse implementing such standing protocols has received adequate training in the practice and principles 250 underlying tuberculin screening.

The Health Commissioner or his designee may authorize registered nurses, acting as agents of the Department of Health, to possess and administer, at the nurse's discretion, tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD) to those persons in whom tuberculin skin testing is indicated based on protocols and policies established by the Department of Health.

255 H. Pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his 256 professional practice, such prescriber may authorize, with the consent of the parents as defined in 257 § 22.1-1, an employee of a school board who is trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon to 258 assist with the administration of insulin or administer glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes 259 and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for 260 the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia. Such authorization shall only be effective when a licensed 261 nurse, nurse practitioner, physician or physician assistant is not present to perform the administration of 262 the medication.

I. A prescriber may authorize, pursuant to a protocol approved by the Board of Nursing, the administration of vaccines to adults for immunization, when a practitioner with prescriptive authority is not physically present, (i) by licensed pharmacists, (ii) by registered nurses, or (iii) licensed practical nurses under the immediate and direct supervision of a registered nurse. A prescriber acting on behalf of and in accordance with established protocols of the Department of Health may authorize the administration of vaccines to any person by a pharmacist or nurse when the prescriber is not physically present.

**270** J. A dentist may cause Schedule VI topical drugs to be administered under his direction and supervision by either a dental hygienist or by an authorized agent of the dentist.

Further, pursuant to a written order and in accordance with a standing protocol issued by the dentist in the course of his professional practice, a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under his general supervision, as defined in § 54.1-2722, to possess and administer topical oral fluorides, topical oral anesthetics, topical and directly applied antimicrobial agents for treatment of periodontal pocket lesions, as well as any other Schedule VI topical drug approved by the Board of Dentistry.

In addition, a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under his direction to administer Schedule VI
nitrous oxide and oxygen inhalation analgesia and, to persons 18 years of age or older, Schedule VI
local anesthesia.

280 K. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the
281 course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize registered professional nurses certified
282 as sexual assault nurse examiners-A (SANE-A) under his supervision and when he is not physically
283 present to possess and administer preventive medications for victims of sexual assault as recommended
284 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

L. This section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person who has satisfactorily 285 286 completed a training program for this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and who administers 287 such drugs in accordance with a prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of 288 administration, and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy relating to 289 security and record keeping, when the drugs administered would be normally self-administered by (i) an 290 individual receiving services in a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and 291 Developmental Services; (ii) a resident of the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision 292 Impaired; (iii) a resident of a facility approved by the Board or Department of Juvenile Justice for the 293 placement of children in need of services or delinquent or alleged delinquent youth; (iv) a program 294 participant of an adult day-care center licensed by the Department of Social Services; (v) a resident of 295 any facility authorized or operated by a state or local government whose primary purpose is not to 296 provide health care services; (vi) a resident of a private children's residential facility, as defined in 297 § 63.2-100 and licensed by the Department of Social Services, Department of Education, or Department 298 of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; or (vii) a student in a school for students with 299 disabilities, as defined in § 22.1-319 and licensed by the Board of Education.

300 M. Medication aides registered by the Board of Nursing pursuant to Article 7 (§ 54.1-3041 et seq.)

301 of Chapter 30 may administer drugs that would otherwise be self-administered to residents of any 302 assisted living facility licensed by the Department of Social Services. A registered medication aide shall administer drugs pursuant to this section in accordance with the prescriber's instructions pertaining to 304 dosage, frequency, and manner of administration; in accordance with regulations promulgated by the 305 Board of Pharmacy relating to security and recordkeeping; in accordance with the assisted living 306 facility's Medication Management Plan; and in accordance with such other regulations governing their 307 practice promulgated by the Board of Nursing.

308 N. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person who administers 309 such drugs in accordance with a physician's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of 310 administration and with written authorization of a parent, and in accordance with school board 311 regulations relating to training, security and record keeping, when the drugs administered would be 312 normally self-administered by a student of a Virginia public school. Training for such persons shall be 313 accomplished through a program approved by the local school boards, in consultation with the local 314 departments of health.

315 O. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person to a child in a 316 child day program as defined in § 63.2-100 and regulated by the State Board of Social Services or the Child Day Care Council, provided such person (i) has satisfactorily completed a training program for 317 318 this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and taught by a registered nurse, licensed practical 319 nurse, doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or pharmacist; (ii) has obtained written authorization 320 from a parent or guardian; (iii) administers drugs only to the child identified on the prescription label in 321 accordance with the prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of 322 administration; and (iv) administers only those drugs that were dispensed from a pharmacy and 323 maintained in the original, labeled container that would normally be administered by a parent or 324 guardian to the child.

325 P. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration or dispensing of drugs and devices by persons if they are authorized by the State Health Commissioner in accordance with protocols 326 established by the State Health Commissioner pursuant to § 32.1-42.1 when (i) the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services 327 328 329 has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public 330 health emergency; (ii) it is necessary to permit the provision of needed drugs or devices; and (iii) such 331 persons have received the training necessary to safely administer or dispense the needed drugs or 332 devices. Such persons shall administer or dispense all drugs or devices under the direction, control and 333 supervision of the State Health Commissioner.

Q. Nothing in this title shall prohibit the administration of normally self-administered oral or topical
 drugs by unlicensed individuals to a person in his private residence.

R. This section shall not interfere with any prescriber issuing prescriptions in compliance with his authority and scope of practice and the provisions of this section to a Board agent for use pursuant to subsection G of § 18.2-258.1. Such prescriptions issued by such prescriber shall be deemed to be valid prescriptions.

340 S. Nothing in this title shall prevent or interfere with dialysis care technicians or dialysis patient care 341 technicians who are certified by an organization approved by the Board of Health Professions or persons 342 authorized for provisional practice pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1 et seq.) of this title, in the 343 ordinary course of their duties in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility, from administering heparin, 344 topical needle site anesthetics, dialysis solutions, sterile normal saline solution, and blood volumizers, for 345 the purpose of facilitating renal dialysis treatment, when such administration of medications occurs under 346 the orders of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant and under the immediate and 347 direct supervision of a licensed registered nurse. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a 348 patient care dialysis technician trainee from performing dialysis care as part of and within the scope of 349 the clinical skills instruction segment of a supervised dialysis technician training program, provided such 350 trainee is identified as a "trainee" while working in a renal dialysis facility.

The dialysis care technician or dialysis patient care technician administering the medications shall have demonstrated competency as evidenced by holding current valid certification from an organization approved by the Board of Health Professions pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1 et seq.) of this title.

T. Persons who are otherwise authorized to administer controlled substances in hospitals shall be authorized to administer influenza or pneumococcal vaccines pursuant to § 32.1-126.4.

U. Pursuant to a specific order for a patient and under his direct and immediate supervision, a
 prescriber may authorize the administration of controlled substances by personnel who have been
 properly trained to assist a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, provided the method does not
 include intravenous, intrathecal, or epidural administration and the prescriber remains responsible for
 such administration.

V. A nurse or a dental hygienist may possess and administer topical fluoride varnish to the teeth of
children aged six months to three years pursuant to an oral or written order or a standing protocol issued
by a doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or dentistry that conforms to standards adopted by the
Virginia Department of Health.

366 W. A prescriber, acting in accordance with guidelines developed pursuant to § 32.1-46.02, may

authorize the administration of influenza vaccine to minors by a licensed pharmacist, registered nurse, orlicensed practical nurse under the direction and immediate supervision of a registered nurse, when the

**369** prescriber is not physically present.