

Colorado Medical Board Policy

Policy: 40-24

Title: Clarifying the scope of practice of Physician Assistants

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Reference: Section 12-36-107.4, CRS

PURPOSE: To notify the public and other healthcare providers regarding the scope of practice of Physician Assistants related to school physicals and the ordering of medical supplies and equipment.

POLICY:

Pursuant to Section 12-36-107.4, C.R.S., a Physician Assistant (PA) may provide medical services as authorized by the PA's supervising physician and consistent with Board of Medical Examiners Rule 400. Such medical services include, but are not limited to, performing physical examinations required by an educational institution and the completion of any required form regarding such examination; issuing discharge orders for a patient including ordering needed supplies and equipment for the patient to use in the home or rehabilitative setting; and verifying a disability for persons seeking parking privileges pursuant to Section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

Please note that the above examples are illustrative only and not intended to be an exhaustive list. PAs may legally sign other documents and forms typically requiring a physician signature as authorized by the PA's supervising physician and consistent with Board of Medical Examiners Rule 400.