

26 unencumbered physician license in accordance with chapter 458,
27 chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 or a full and
28 unencumbered physician assistant license in accordance with
29 chapter 458 or chapter 459; or

30 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is
31 employed or under contract with a clinic, maintains a full and
32 unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in
33 accordance with chapter 464, and who is certified under s.
34 464.012.

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36 If a ~~However, if the~~ clinic does not provide services pursuant
37 to any of the ~~respective~~ physician or nurse practices acts
38 specified ~~listed~~ in this subsection, it may appoint a Florida-
39 licensed health care practitioner who does not provide services
40 pursuant to those ~~the respective physician practices acts listed~~
41 ~~in this subsection~~ to serve as a clinic director who is
42 responsible for the clinic's activities. A health care
43 practitioner may not serve as the clinic director if the
44 services provided at the clinic are beyond the scope of that
45 practitioner's license; however, ~~except that~~ a licensee
46 specified in s. 456.053(3)(b) who provides only services
47 authorized under that paragraph ~~pursuant to s. 456.053(3)(b)~~ may
48 serve as clinic director of an entity providing such services ~~as~~
49 ~~specified in s. 456.053(3)(b).~~

50 Section 2. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (4) of

51 | section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

52 | 458.347 Physician assistants.—

53 | (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

54 | (i) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
 55 | physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
 56 | verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
 57 | certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
 58 | physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
 59 | delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
 60 | patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.
 61 | 394.463(2)(f).

62 | Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (4) of
 63 | section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

64 | 459.022 Physician assistants.—

65 | (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

66 | (h) A supervisory physician may delegate to a licensed
 67 | physician assistant the authority to sign, certify, stamp,
 68 | verify, or endorse a document that requires the signature,
 69 | certification, stamp, verification, or endorsement of a
 70 | physician, except that the supervisory physician may not
 71 | delegate the authority to issue a written approval to release a
 72 | patient from a receiving facility or its contractor under s.
 73 | 394.463(2)(f).

74 | Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
 75 | section 464.012, Florida Statutes, to read:

76 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
77 practitioners; fees; controlled substance prescribing.—

78 (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall
79 perform those functions authorized in this section within the
80 framework of an established protocol that is filed with the
81 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after
82 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or
83 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to
84 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for
85 protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees
86 submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory
87 standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under
88 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain
89 supervision for directing the specific course of medical
90 treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced
91 registered nurse practitioner may:

92 (f) Sign, certify, stamp, verify, or endorse a document
93 that requires the signature, certification, stamp,
94 verification, or endorsement of a physician. However, an
95 advanced registered nurse practitioner may not issue a written
96 approval to release a patient from a receiving facility or its
97 contractor under s. 394.463(2)(f), unless he or she is a
98 psychiatric nurse as defined in s. 394.455(35) and is acting
99 within the authority granted under s. 394.463.

100 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.