



El Paso - Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure

Title: PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE AGREEMENTS	Policy Number: EP 4.11
Regulation Reference: Texas Occupational Code §157	Effective Date: 5/2014

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (TTUHSC at El Paso) in accordance with state law, that TTUHSC at El Paso physicians who delegate prescriptive authority to Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and Physician Assistants (PA) enter an agreement, establish and maintain written protocols for the delegation of such responsibilities, register as a supervising physician with the Texas Medical Board (TMB), and otherwise comply with all relevant state and federal regulations.

Scope and Distribution:

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC at El Paso ambulatory clinics, also known as Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso. Prescriptive authority shall be delegated solely to TTUHSC at El Paso-employed or contracted Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and/or Physician Assistants (PAs), as allowed under this policy.

Procedure:

Prescriptive authority agreements will be drafted according to the requirements listed in Texas Occupational Code §157 (familarly referred to as SB 406) and will also include the scope of practice for the APRN's and/or PA's. These agreements will become known as the Prescriptive Authority & Scope of Practice Agreements (PASPA's). (See attachment A) Their purpose will be to delegate the prescribing and ordering of drugs and devices to APRN(s) and/or PA(s) under supervision by Physician while promoting the practice and exercise of professional judgment by APRN(s) and/or PA(s), commensurate with the APRN's and/or PA's education, experience and the relationship between APRN and/or PA and Physician while treating patients at TTUHSC Clinics and partner facilities. (Texas Occupations Code, §157, Delegation to APRN and PA's) All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in Texas Occupations Code §157.

If and when the PASPA is terminated, there is additional paperwork that needs to be filed in order to properly and legally sever the relationship (collaboration or supervision agreement). It is incumbent that the supervising and alternate supervising physicians file a deletion of the PASPA agreement, and make the appropriate Board aware that the relationship no longer exists. If this is not done, potential problematic situations may arise. The NP or PA could still prescribe drugs or provide services tied to this PASPA which may leave the listed physicians on the "hook" and ultimately responsible for the midlevel's actions.



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To remove the terminated mid-levels from their TMB web site profile(s), the physician(s) must log on to the Prescriptive Delegation System, which can be found at: http://reg.tmb.state.tx.us/TMBPublicWebSite/PrescriptiveDelegation/HCP_PrescriptiveDelegation.aspx. Then, they would have to click on the “Rx” sign to the left of the mid-level with whom they wish to end a relationship, enter an End Date, agree to the terms, and click “Save.”

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