

*Acts 2005, No. 1423, § 4.*

**17-87-703. Designated facilities.**

- (a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall designate the types of facilities that may use medication assistive persons.
- (b)
  - (1) Designated facilities may not be required to use medication assistive persons.
  - (2) However, if a designated facility elects to use medication assistive personnel, the facility shall notify the board in a manner prescribed by the board.

*History*

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**17-87-704. Qualifications.**

- (a) In order to be certified as a medication assistive person, an applicant shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:
  - (1)
    - (A) Is currently listed in good standing on the state's certified nurse aide registry;
    - (B) Has maintained registration on the state's certified nurse aide registry continuously for a minimum of one (1) year;
    - (C) Has completed at least one (1) continuous year of full-time experience as a certified nurse aide in this state;
    - (D) Is currently employed at a designated facility;
    - (E) Has a high school diploma or the equivalent;
    - (F) Has successfully completed a literacy and reading comprehension screening process approved by the board;
    - (G) Has successfully completed a medication assistive person training course of not less than one hundred (100) hours approved by the board; and
    - (H) Has successfully passed an examination on subjects the board determines; or
  - (2)
    - (A) Has completed a portion of a nursing education program equivalent to the medication assistive person training course; and
    - (B) Passed the medication aide examination.
      - (b) The board may issue a certification as a medication assistive person by endorsement to an applicant who has been licensed or certified as a medication assistive person under the laws of another state or territory, if:
        - (1) In the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications of medication assistive persons in this state; and

(2) The board recommends certification.

(c) Any person holding a certification as a medication assistive person shall have the right to use the title “medication assistive person” and the abbreviation “M.A.P.”.

*History*

*Acts 2005, No. 1423, § 4; 2007, No. 206, § 1.*

**17-87-705. Scope of work.**

(a) (1) A medication assistive person may perform the delegated nursing function of medication administration and related tasks in accordance with rules promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) A medication assistive person shall perform medication administration and related tasks only:

- (A) At a designated facility; and
- (B) Under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

(3)

(A) Medication administration shall be limited to the administration of nonprescription and legend drugs ordered by an authorized prescriber by the following methods:

- (i) Orally;
- (ii) Topically;
- (iii) Drops for eye, ear, or nose;
- (iv) Vaginally;
- (v) Rectally;
- (vi) Transdermally; and
- (vii) Via oral inhaler.

(B) Medication administration by a medication assistive person shall not include controlled substances.

(b) A medication assistive person shall not:

- (1) Receive, have access to, or administer any controlled substance;
- (2) Administer parenteral, enteral, or injectable medications;
- (3) Administer any substances by nasogastric or gastrostomy tubes;
- (4) Calculate drug dosages;
- (5) Destroy medication;
- (6) Receive orders, either in writing or verbally, for new or changed medications;
- (7) Transcribe orders from the medical record;
- (8) Order initial medications;