

## **Mid-Level Provider Prescriptive Authority Position**

### **Ohio Academy of Family Physicians' Position Statement Adopted by the OAFP Board of Directors - 12/6/98 On Mid-Level Provider Prescriptive Authority (Advanced Practice Nurses & Physician Assistants)**

#### **Mid-level Providers:**

For the purposes of prescriptive authority, the term "mid-level provider" shall include Advanced Practice Nurses licensed under Section 4723.43 of the Revised Code and Physician Assistants licensed under Section 4730.11 of the Revised Code who have met the educational requirements hereunder.

#### **Authority:**

Commencing in 2002, a joint committee comprised of the Board of Nursing and the Medical Board (Joint Board) would be authorized to issue Certificates of Authority to authorize advanced practice nurses to prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs or controlled substances set forth in Schedules III through V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The Medical Board will be authorized to issue Certificates of Authority to physician assistants to prescribe, dispense or administer drugs or controlled substances set forth in Schedule III through V of the Federal Food , Drug and Cosmetic Act. Mid-level providers with prescriptive authority must be supervised by a physician, dentist or podiatrist with whom they have entered into a written supervisory prescriptive authority agreement (Supervision Agreement) which will be filed with the State Medical Board. This Supervisory Agreement shall include limitations by drug, class or formulary and the conditions which the mid-level provider shall prescribe.

#### **Supervision:**

Mid-level providers with a certificate of authority to prescribe as described above shall only do so under the supervision of a licensed physician, dentist or podiatrist. Physician supervision of and prescriptive authority for mid-level providers will be limited to the physician's specialty, discipline or individual practice. A physician may not supervise a mid-level provider practicing in a different specialty. Supervision does not necessarily require the supervising physician, dentist or podiatrist to be physically present, but such supervisor must be either immediately and continuously available or available to communicate with the Mid-level provider either in person or by radio, telephone or other form of telecommunication and must be within a reasonable travel time. The physician will be limited to supervising no more than two mid-level providers, at any one time, with certificates of authority to prescribe drugs and will be limited to supervising the mid-level provider within their specialty, discipline, or individual practice.

#### **Education:**

All mid-level providers seeking prescriptive authority shall have completed a master's degree in Nursing or Allied Health, depending on their discipline. In order to be authorized to prescribe and administer drugs, the mid-level provider must have completed within three years prior to making an application for the certificate of authority 30 clock

hours of post graduate course work in pharmacology and 20 clock hours of clinical training in pharmacology. All mid-level providers must be certified within their specialty by an independent national certifying organization approved by the Joint Board.

**Scope of Practice:**

All mid-level providers with prescriptive authority will be limited to the scope of practice within their specialty and as defined in their respective licensure statutes.

**Filings:**

Supervision agreements must be filed with the State Medical Board and the State Medical Board shall periodically audit the existence of those agreements.