

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF  
HEALTH

*Health Professions Act*

Ministerial Order No. M 405

I, Terry Lake, Minister of Health, order that the Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation, B.C. Reg. 284/2008, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

DEPOSITED

December 3, 2015

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Minister of Health

*T. Lake*

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 12 (2)

Other: M244/2008

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## SCHEDULE

*1 Section 1 of the Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation, B.C. Reg. 284/2008, is amended*

*(a) by repealing the definitions of “compound”, “health professional”, “nursing” and “order” and substituting the following:*

**“compound”** means,

- (a) in section 6 (1) (m), to mix 2 or more ingredients, and
- (b) in any other case, to mix a drug with one or more other ingredients;

**“health professional”** means

- (a) a person who is authorized under the Act to practise the designated health profession of dentistry, medicine, midwifery, naturopathic medicine, podiatric medicine or the practice of pharmacy,
- (b) a certified practice registrant or nurse practitioner, or
- (c) a person who, in Alberta, Yukon or the Northwest Territories, is the equivalent of a person described in paragraph (a) or (b), but only if
  - (i) the person has issued an order in respect of a patient who has been assessed by the person,
  - (ii) the patient has transferred from one of the other jurisdictions to British Columbia,
  - (iii) the patient, on transfer, requires immediate health services or treatment, and
  - (iv) the patient has not been assessed by the equivalent person described in paragraph (a) or (b);

**“nursing”** means the health profession in which a person provides the following services:

- (a) health care for the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health;
- (b) prevention, treatment and palliation of illness and injury, primarily by
  - (i) assessing health status,
  - (ii) planning, implementing and evaluating interventions, and
  - (iii) coordinating health services;

**“order”** means an instruction or authorization, issued by a health professional, for a registrant to provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in section 7 (1) to or for a named individual whom the health professional has assessed, whether or not the instruction or authorization

- (a) makes provision for the time or times at which the service is to be initiated by a registrant, or
- (b) incorporates by reference, in whole or in part and with any changes the health professional considers necessary or appropriate, a guideline, protocol or other recorded description of a course of action or decision-making process to be used by a registrant in providing the service to or for a specified class of individuals; ,

- (b) *by repealing the definition of “nurse practitioner”,*
- (c) *in the definition of “prescribe” by adding “, except a prescription issued in respect of an animal” after “Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act”,*
- (d) *in the definition of “substance” by striking out “, B.C. Reg. 9/98”, and*
- (e) *by adding the following definitions:*
  - “**certified practice registrant**” means a registrant who has successfully completed a certification program as described in section 8 (2) (b) (ii);
  - “**Drug Schedules Regulation**” means the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98;
  - “**issue**” means to issue by any method;
  - “**wearable hearing instrument**” has the same meaning as in the Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation, B.C. Reg. 413/2008.

**2 Section 6 is amended**

- (a) *in subsection (1) (b) by adding “the” after “including”,*
- (b) *in subsection (1) by adding the following paragraphs:*
  - (g.1) put a wearable hearing instrument, or a part of or accessory for it, into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum;
  - (j.01) apply electricity for the purpose of providing transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation; ,
- (c) *by repealing subsection (1) (h) (i) and (ii) and substituting the following:*
  - (i) air that is under pressure no greater than the pressure created by the use of an otoscope, or
  - (ii) water that is under pressure no greater than the pressure created by the use of an ear bulb syringe; ,
- (d) *by repealing subsection (1) (k) and (l) and substituting the following:*
  - (k) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I of the Drug Schedules Regulation,
    - (i) prescribe the drug,
    - (ii) compound the drug,
    - (iii) dispense the drug, or
    - (iv) administer the drug by any method
for the purpose of
    - (v) treating
      - (A) anaphylaxis,
      - (B) cardiac dysrhythmia,
      - (C) opiate overdose,
      - (D) respiratory distress in a known asthmatic,

- (E) hypoglycemia,
- (F) post-partum hemorrhage, or
- (G) conditions that are symptomatic of influenza-like illness, or
- (vi) preventing disease using immunoprophylactic agents and post-exposure chemoprophylactic agents;
- (l) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule II of the Drug Schedules Regulation,
  - (i) prescribe the drug,
  - (ii) compound the drug,
  - (iii) dispense the drug, or
  - (iv) administer the drug by any method; , **and**

**(e) by repealing subsection (2).**

**3 Section 7 is amended**

**(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following paragraph:**

(a.1) cast a fracture of a bone; ,

**(b) in subsection (1) (d) by striking out “ear drum” and substituting “eardrum”, and**

**(c) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following:**

- (2) A registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in subsection (1), other than the activity described in subsection (1) (a.1), only as follows:
  - (a) to the extent the activity is one described in section 6 (1), without an order as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection;
  - (b) to the extent the activity is not one described in section 6 (1), if the registrant provides the service for the purpose of implementing an order and, at the time that the registrant provides the service,
    - (i) the health professional who issues the order is authorized, under the Act or by the body in Alberta, Yukon or the Northwest Territories that regulates the health profession of that health professional, to
      - (A) provide the service without an order or equivalent instruction or authorization, or
      - (B) issue an order or equivalent instruction or authorization for the service to be provided, and
    - (ii) the registrant is authorized under the Act to provide the service.
- (3) A registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of the activity described in subsection (1) (a.1) only if
  - (a) the registrant provides the service for the purpose of implementing an order issued by a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, and
  - (b) at the time that the registrant provides the service,

- (i) the medical practitioner or nurse practitioner who issues the order is authorized under the Act to provide the service or to issue an order for the service to be provided, and
- (ii) the registrant is authorized under the Act to provide the service.

**4 Section 8 is amended**

**(a) by repealing subsection (1) (a) and substituting the following:**

- (a) perform an activity described in section 7 (1) (a) or (b) to (h);
- (a.1) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I of the Drug Schedules Regulation,
  - (i) prescribe the drug,
  - (ii) compound the drug,
  - (iii) dispense the drug, or
  - (iv) administer the drug by any method; , **and**

**(b) by repealing subsections (2) and (3) and substituting the following:**

- (2) A registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in subsection (1) (a) or (a.1) only as follows:
  - (a) to the extent the activity is one described in section 6 (1), without an order as described in section 7 (2) (b) or certification as described in paragraph (b) (ii) of this subsection;
  - (b) to the extent the activity is not one described in section 6 (1),
    - (i) in accordance with an order as described in section 7 (2) (b), or
    - (ii) if, before providing the service, the registrant has successfully completed a certification program established, required or approved under the bylaws to ensure that registrants are qualified and competent to provide that service in the practice setting in which it is to be provided by the registrant.

**5 Section 9 is amended**

**(a) by repealing subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following:**

- (1) A nurse practitioner in the course of practising nursing may do any of the following:
  - (a) perform an activity described in section 7 (1) (a), (b) to (e.1), (g) or (h) or 8 (1) (a.1) or (b);
  - (b) cast a fracture of a bone;
  - (c) set a closed simple fracture of a bone;
  - (d) reduce a dislocation of a joint;
  - (e) apply X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, except X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography;
  - (f) issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual,



- (i) ultrasound for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including any application of ultrasound to a fetus,
  - (ii) electromagnetism for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging,
  - (iii) X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography, or
  - (iv) laser for the purpose of destroying tissue;
  - (g) prescribe a drug specified in Schedule I or IA of the Drug Schedules Regulation;
  - (h) if nutrition is administered by enteral instillation or parenteral instillation, select ingredients for a therapeutic diet.
- (2) A nurse practitioner may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in subsection (1) (a) only as follows:
- (a) to the extent the activity is one described in section 6 (1), without
    - (i) an order as described in section 7 (2) (b),
    - (ii) certification under section 8 (2) (b) (ii), or
    - (iii) the establishment of standards, limits or conditions as described in subsection (3) of this section;
  - (b) to the extent the activity is not one described in section 6 (1), in accordance with
    - (i) an order as described in section 7 (2) (b), or
    - (ii) the standards, limits or conditions established under subsection (3) of this section. , **and**
- (b) in subsection (4) by striking out “subsection (1) (c) to (f)” and substituting “subsection (1) (c) to (e), (f) (ii), (f) (iii) in respect of X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography, (f) (iv), (g) in respect of prescribing a drug specified in Schedule IA of the Drug Schedules Regulation, or (h)”.**