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## SUMMARY

Allows physician assistants to use hospital facilities for patient care.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to physician assistants; amending ORS 441.064.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 441.064 is amended to read:

441.064. (1) As used in this section[,]:

(a) **“Nurse practitioner” has the meaning given that term in ORS 678.010;**

(b) **“Physician” has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010; and**

(c) **“Physician assistant” has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.495.**

(2) The rules of any hospital in this state may grant privileges to nurse practitioners [*licensed and certified under ORS 678.375*] **and physician assistants** for purposes of patient care.

(3) Rules [*shall*] **must** be in writing and may include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Limitations on the scope of privileges;

(b) Monitoring and supervision of nurse practitioners **and physician assistants** in the hospital by physicians who are members of the medical staff;

(c) A requirement that a nurse practitioner **or physician assistant** co-admit patients with a physician who is a member of the medical staff; and

(d) Qualifications of nurse practitioners **and physician assistants** to be eligible for privileges including but not limited to requirements of prior

1 clinical and hospital experience.

2 (4) The rules may also regulate credentialing and the conduct of nurse  
3 practitioners **and physician assistants** while using the facilities of the  
4 hospital and may prescribe procedures whereby a nurse practitioner's **or**  
5 **physician assistant's** privileges may be suspended or terminated. The hos-  
6 pital may refuse such privileges to nurse practitioners **or physician assist-**  
7 **ants** only upon the same basis that privileges are refused to other medical  
8 providers.

9 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, rules adopted by a  
10 hospital that grant privileges to licensed registered nurses who are certified  
11 by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as nurse midwife nurse practitioners  
12 must:

13 (a) Include admitting privileges;

14 (b) Be consistent with the privileges of the other medical staff; and

15 (c) Permit the nurse midwife nurse practitioner to exercise the voting  
16 rights of the other members of the medical staff.

17 (6) Rules described in this section are subject to hospital and medical  
18 staff bylaws and rules governing credentialing and staff privileges.

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