

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 964**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Oregon Society of Physician Assistants)

CHAPTER .....

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 clinical and hospital experience.

[*(4) The rules may also regulate credentialing and the conduct of nurse practitioners while using the facilities of the hospital and may prescribe procedures whereby a nurse practitioner’s privileges may be suspended or terminated. The hospital may refuse such privileges to nurse practitioners only upon the same basis that privileges are refused to other medical providers.*]

**(4) The rules may:**

(a) **Regulate the credentialing and conduct of nurse practitioners and physician assistants while using the facilities of the hospital;**

(b) **Prescribe the procedures for suspension or termination of a nurse practitioner’s or physician assistant’s privileges;**

(c) **Allow the hospital to refuse privileges to a nurse practitioner, but only on the same basis that the hospital refuses privileges to other medical providers; and**

(d) **Allow the hospital to refuse privileges to a physician assistant based on the refusal of privileges to the physician assistant’s supervising physician.**

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

- (a) Include admitting privileges;
  - (b) Be consistent with the privileges of the other medical staff; and
  - (c) Permit the nurse midwife nurse practitioner to exercise the voting rights of the other members of the medical staff.
- (6) Rules described in this section are subject to hospital and medical staff bylaws and rules governing credentialing and staff privileges.

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