

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technologist Registration

SURGICAL ASSISTANT AND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST RULES AND REGULATIONS

4 CCR 745-1

[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

1.7 Expanded Scope of Practice for Surgical Technologists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038

- A. The basis for these rules is Executive Order D 2020-038 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the State of Emergency Declaration found in Executive Orders 2020 003, 2020 027 and 2020 032, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, et. seq., C.R.S., and sections 12-20-204 and 12-310-103(4)05-115, C.R.S.
- B. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Director) to effectuate Executive Order D 2020 038 directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.
- C. Expanded Scope of Practice. Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists may perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists.
1. Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists are authorized to perform delegated services upon adequate cross-training as determined necessary by the hospital or inpatient facility.
 2. Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists shall not accept delegation of a service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill or training to perform.
 3. Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists shall not perform a delegated service for which the licensee does not possess the knowledge, skill or training to perform.
 4. Delegated services shall not be re-delegated to another person or licensee by the delegatee
 5. Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists shall not prescribe or select medications, perform surgical or other invasive procedures or perform anesthesia services outside of their statutory scope of practice regardless of delegation.

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