

REFERENCE TITLE: pharmacists; collaborative practice agreements

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## **HB 2582**

Introduced by  
Representatives Gillette: Peña

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1970, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE  
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1970, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-1970. Collaborative practice agreements; requirements;  
5 rules; definitions

6 A. A pharmacist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter may enter  
7 into a collaborative practice agreement with a provider pursuant to this  
8 section to initiate, monitor and modify drug therapy or provide disease  
9 management assistance. The collaborative practice agreement may be  
10 between one or more pharmacists and one or more providers. The  
11 collaborative practice agreement shall:

12 1. Outline the duties related to drug therapy and disease  
13 management that the provider is delegating to the pharmacist to perform,  
14 including drug therapy that the pharmacist may initiate, monitor and  
15 modify and laboratory tests that the pharmacist may order, and the  
16 eligible group of patients that may be treated under the collaborative  
17 practice agreement.

18 2. Specify, at a minimum, the conditions to be managed by the  
19 pharmacist through disease management and drug therapy management, the  
20 circumstances for which the pharmacist must notify the provider and any  
21 documentation or recordkeeping requirements.

22 3. Specify that the pharmacist must follow the written drug therapy  
23 and disease management guidelines provided by the provider and may provide  
24 drug therapy and disease management services only pursuant to those  
25 guidelines. The guidelines shall specify, at a minimum, the specific  
26 drug, drugs or drug classes and the conditions to be managed by the  
27 pharmacist, the conditions and events for which the pharmacist must notify  
28 the provider and the laboratory tests the pharmacist may order.

29 B. A provider who enters into a collaborative practice agreement  
30 under this section must have a previously established provider-patient  
31 relationship with a patient in order for that patient to be a part of the  
32 eligible group of patients who may be included under the collaborative  
33 practice agreement.

34 C. A licensee who violates this section commits an act of  
35 unprofessional conduct.

36 D. A pharmacist is responsible for the pharmacist's negligent acts  
37 that are the result of the clinical decisions made pursuant to the  
38 collaborative practice agreement. This subsection does not limit a  
39 provider's liability for negligent acts that are not related to a  
40 pharmacist's change of medication pursuant to the collaborative practice  
41 agreement.

42 E. The pharmacist shall maintain a copy of the collaborative  
43 practice agreement and make the collaborative practice agreement available  
44 to the board on request.

1 F. The Arizona state board of pharmacy, the Arizona medical board,  
2 the Arizona board of osteopathic examiners in medicine and surgery and the  
3 Arizona state board of nursing may adopt rules relating to collaborative  
4 practice agreements.

5 G. For the purposes of this section:

6 1. "Collaborative practice agreement" means an agreement between a  
7 pharmacist and a provider that outlines the drug therapy and disease  
8 management services, including initiating, monitoring and modifying  
9 prescription drug and laboratory test orders, that are authorized by the  
10 provider and delegated to the pharmacist for the purposes of drug therapy  
11 management or disease management based on the pharmacist's skills or  
12 training.

13 2. Initiate, monitor and modify does not include a pharmacist's  
14 selection of drug products that are not prescribed by the provider unless  
15 the selection of specific drug products is authorized by the collaborative  
16 practice agreement.

17 3. "Provider" means a physician who is licensed pursuant to chapter  
18 13 or 17 of this title, ~~or~~ a registered nurse practitioner OR CERTIFIED  
19 NURSE MIDWIFE who is licensed pursuant to chapter 15 of this title OR A  
20 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 25 OF THE TITLE.