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To amend sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 4774.10 and
to enact sections 4723.37, 4773.062, and
4774.101 of the Revised Code regarding physician
supervision of contrast administration for
imaging.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 4774.10 be
amended and sections 4723.37, 4773.062, and 4774.101 of the
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 4723.37. (A) A registered nurse or licensed practical
nurse may administer contrast only under the direct or general
supervision of a physician.

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For purposes of this section, both of the following apply
to a physician's supervision:

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(1) Direct supervision does not require the supervising
physician to observe the administration of contrast, but does
require the supervising physician to be present at the location
where contrast is administered.

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(2) General supervision does not require the supervising
physician to observe the administration of contrast or to be

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present at the location where contrast is administered, but does 20
require the supervising physician to be readily available for 21
purposes of consulting with and directing the nurse while 22
administering contrast. 23

(B) If a physician provides general supervision of a nurse 24
under this section, then a health care provider that the 25
physician and institution's clinical leadership has determined 26
meets the following qualifications shall be present at the 27
location where the nurse administers contrast, in order to 28
assist the nurse in the event of a reaction to contrast material 29
or other adverse event resulting from contrast administration: 30

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 31
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 32
diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast material 33
or other adverse events resulting from contrast administration. 34

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 35
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 36
reaction to contrast material or for a physiological adverse 37
event resulting from contrast administration. 38

(3) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 39
physician within an appropriate time frame. 40

(C) When engaging in or supervising contrast 41
administration or when assisting with a reaction to contrast 42
material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 43
administration, the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, 44
physician, and qualified health care provider shall do so in a 45
manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment 46
guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the 47
institution at which the registered nurse, licensed practical 48

nurse, physician, and qualified health care provider practice. 49

Sec. 4773.062. (A) A radiographer, radiation therapy 50
technologist, or nuclear medicine technologist may administer 51
contrast only under the direct or general supervision of a 52
physician. 53

For purposes of this section, both of the following apply 54
to a physician's supervision: 55

(1) Direct supervision does not require the supervising 56
physician to observe the administration of contrast, but does 57
require the supervising physician to be present at the location 58
where contrast is administered. 59

(2) General supervision does not require the supervising 60
physician to observe the administration of contrast or to be 61
present at the location where contrast is administered, but does 62
require the supervising physician to be readily available for 63
purposes of consulting with and directing the radiographer or 64
technologist while administering contrast. 65

(B) If a physician provides general supervision of a 66
radiographer, radiation therapy technologist, or nuclear 67
medicine technologist under this section, then a health care 68
provider that the physician and institution's clinical 69
leadership has determined meets the following qualifications 70
shall be present at the location where the radiographer or 71
technologist administers contrast, in order to assist the 72
radiographer or technologist in the event of a reaction to 73
contrast material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 74
administration: 75

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 76
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 77

diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast material 78
and other adverse events resulting from contrast administration. 79

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 80
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 81
reaction to contrast material or for a physiological adverse 82
event resulting from contrast administration. 83

(3) The provider is legally authorized to administer 84
prescription drugs and other interventions, either independently 85
or in accordance with a physician's standing order or 86
institutional protocol, to treat a reaction or event described 87
in division (B) (2) of this section. 88

(4) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 89
physician within an appropriate time frame. 90

(5) The provider is certified in basic life support by an 91
organization acceptable to the institution. 92

(6) The provider understands when to call for assistance 93
and how to activate emergency response systems. 94

(C) When engaging in or supervising contrast 95
administration or when assisting with a reaction to contrast 96
material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 97
administration, the radiographer, radiation therapy 98
technologist, nuclear medicine technologist, physician, and 99
qualified health care provider shall do so in a manner that is 100
consistent with a definitive set of treatment guidelines 101
approved by the clinical leadership of the institution at which 102
the radiographer, technologist, physician, and qualified health 103
care provider practice. 104

Sec. 4773.10. As used in this section, "clinical 105
leadership" includes an institution's medical director and 106

director of radiology. 107

~~When~~ Except as provided in section 4773.062 of the Revised 108
Code, ~~when~~ engaging in an activity pursuant to a license issued 109
under this chapter to practice as a radiographer or nuclear 110
medicine technologist, the radiographer or nuclear medicine 111
technologist shall do so in a manner that is consistent with a 112
definitive set of treatment guidelines approved by the clinical 113
leadership of the institution at which the radiographer or 114
technologist practices. 115

Sec. 4774.08. (A) A radiologist assistant shall practice 116
only under the supervision of a radiologist acting in accordance 117
with ~~section~~ sections 4774.10 and 4774.101 of the Revised Code. 118
Under this supervision and subject to division (B) of this 119
section, a radiologist assistant may do all of the following: 120

(1) Perform fluoroscopic procedures; 121

(2) Assess and evaluate the physiologic and psychological 122
responsiveness of patients undergoing radiologic procedures; 123

(3) Evaluate image quality, make initial image 124
observations, and communicate observations to the supervising 125
radiologist; 126

(4) Administer contrast media, radio-isotopes, and other 127
drugs prescribed by the supervising radiologist that are 128
directly related to the radiologic procedures being performed; 129

(5) Perform any other radiologic procedures specified by 130
the state medical board in rules adopted under section 4774.11 131
of the Revised Code. 132

(B) A radiologist assistant shall not do any of the 133
following: 134

(1) Interpret radiologic images;	135
(2) Make diagnoses;	136
(3) Prescribe therapies;	137
(4) Administer or participate in the administration of	138
general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, or minimal	139
sedation.	140
Sec. 4774.10. (A) To be eligible to supervise a	141
radiologist assistant, a physician shall be actively and	142
directly engaged in the clinical practice of medicine and	143
surgery as a radiologist or actively and directly engaged in the	144
clinical practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery as a	145
radiologist.	146
(B) In providing supervision of a radiologist assistant, a	147
supervising radiologist is subject to all of the following:	148
(1) Except as provided in divisions (B) (2) and (3) of this	149
section and <u>section 4774.101 of the Revised Code</u> , the	150
supervising radiologist shall provide on-site supervision of the	151
radiologist assistant. The supervision shall be provided by	152
being physically present in the same location as the radiologist	153
assistant. The provision of on-site supervision does not	154
necessarily require that the supervising radiologist be in the	155
same room as the radiologist assistant. On-site supervision	156
shall be provided when the radiologist assistant performs a	157
radiologic procedure on a patient who is under minimal sedation.	158
(2) When the radiologist assistant performs a radiologic	159
procedure on a patient who is under general anesthesia, deep	160
sedation, or moderate sedation, the supervising radiologist	161
shall provide direct supervision. The supervision shall be	162
provided by being physically present in the same room as the	163

radiologist assistant, with the radiologist assistant in the 164
actual sight of the supervising radiologist when the radiologist 165
assistant is performing the radiologic procedure. 166

(3) In the case of any radiologic procedure that a 167
radiologist assistant is authorized to perform pursuant to 168
division (A) (5) of section 4774.08 of the Revised Code, the 169
supervising radiologist shall provide the level of supervision 170
specified by the state medical board in the rules adopted under 171
section 4774.11 of the Revised Code authorizing the performance 172
of the procedure. 173

(C) The supervising radiologist of a radiologist assistant 174
assumes legal liability for the services provided by the 175
radiologist assistant. 176

Sec. 4774.101. (A) When a radiologist assistant 177
administers contrast media as described in division (A) (4) of 178
section 4774.08 of the Revised Code, a supervising radiologist 179
shall provide on-site or remote supervision. 180

For purposes of this section, both of the following apply 181
to a radiologist's supervision: 182

(1) On-site supervision does not require the supervising 183
radiologist to be in the same room as the radiologist assistant 184
during the administration of contrast media, but does require 185
the supervising radiologist to be physically present at the same 186
location where contrast media is administered. 187

(2) Remote supervision does not require the supervising 188
radiologist to be physically present in the same room or 189
location as the radiologist assistant during the administration 190
of contrast media, but does require the supervising radiologist 191
to be readily available for purposes of consulting with and 192

directing the radiologist assistant while administering contrast 193
media. 194

(B) If a supervising radiologist provides remote 195
supervision of a radiologist assistant, then a health care 196
provider that the radiologist and institution's clinical 197
leadership has determined meets the following qualifications 198
shall be present at the same location where the radiologist 199
assistant administers contrast media, in order to assist the 200
radiologist assistant in the event of a reaction to contrast 201
media or other adverse event resulting from contrast media 202
administration: 203

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 204
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 205
diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast media and 206
other adverse events resulting from contrast media 207
administration. 208

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 209
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 210
reaction to contrast media or for a physiological adverse event 211
resulting from contrast media administration. 212

(3) The provider is legally authorized to administer 213
prescription drugs and other interventions, either independently 214
or in accordance with a radiologist's standing order or 215
institutional protocol, to treat a reaction or event described 216
in division (B) (2) of this section. 217

(4) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 218
radiologist within an appropriate time frame. 219

(5) The provider is certified in basic life support by an 220
organization acceptable to the institution. 221

(6) The provider understands when to call for assistance 222
and how to activate emergency response systems. 223

(C) When engaging in or supervising contrast media 224
administration or when assisting with a reaction to contrast 225
media or other adverse event resulting from contrast media 226
administration, the radiologist assistant, supervising 227
radiologist, and qualified health care provider shall do so in a 228
manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment 229
guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the 230
institution at which the assistant, radiologist, and qualified 231
health care provider practice. 232

Section 2. That existing sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 233
4774.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 234