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To amend sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 4774.10 and  
to enact sections 4723.37, 4723.371, 4773.062,  
and 4774.101 of the Revised Code regarding  
physician supervision of contrast administration  
for imaging.

**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, 4723.371, 4773.062, and 4774.101  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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

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

(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.

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

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 24  
registered nurse under this section, then a health care provider 25  
that the physician and institution's clinical leadership have 26  
determined meets the following qualifications shall be present 27  
at the location where the nurse administers contrast, in order 28  
to assist the nurse in the event of a reaction to contrast 29  
material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 30  
administration: 31

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 32  
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 33  
diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast material 34  
or other adverse events resulting from contrast administration. 35

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 36  
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 37  
reaction to contrast material or for a physiological adverse 38  
event resulting from contrast administration. 39

(3) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 40  
physician within an appropriate time frame. 41

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

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

Sec. 4723.371. (A) A licensed practical nurse may monitor 50  
a patient for a reaction to contrast material or other adverse 51  
event resulting from contrast administration only under the 52  
direct or general supervision of a physician. A licensed 53  
practical nurse shall not administer contrast. 54

For purposes of this section, both of the following apply 55  
to a physician's supervision: 56

(1) Direct supervision does not require the supervising 57  
physician to observe the licensed practical nurse as the nurse 58  
monitors for a reaction to contrast material or other adverse 59  
event resulting from contrast administration, but does require 60  
the supervising physician to be present at the location where 61  
contrast was administered. 62

(2) General supervision does not require the supervising 63  
physician to be present at the location where contrast was 64  
administered, but does require the supervising physician to be 65  
readily available for purposes of consulting with and directing 66  
the licensed practical nurse while the nurse monitors for a 67  
reaction to contrast material or other adverse event resulting 68  
from contrast administration. 69

(B) If a physician provides general supervision of a 70  
licensed practical nurse under this section, then a health care 71  
provider that the physician and institution's clinical 72  
leadership have determined meets the following qualifications 73  
shall be present at the location where the licensed practical 74  
nurse monitors for a reaction to contrast material or other 75  
adverse event resulting from contrast administration: 76

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 77

guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 78  
diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast material 79  
or other adverse events resulting from contrast administration. 80

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 81  
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 82  
reaction to contrast material or for a physiological adverse 83  
event resulting from contrast administration. 84

(3) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 85  
physician within an appropriate time frame. 86

(C) When a licensed practical nurse, physician, or 87  
qualified health care provider acts as authorized or required by 88  
this section, the nurse, physician, and provider shall do so in 89  
a manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment 90  
guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the 91  
institution at which the nurse, physician, and provider 92  
practice. 93

**Sec. 4773.062.** (A) A radiographer, radiation therapy 94  
technologist, or nuclear medicine technologist may administer 95  
contrast only under the direct or general supervision of a 96  
physician. 97

For purposes of this section, both of the following apply 98  
to a physician's supervision: 99

(1) Direct supervision does not require the supervising 100  
physician to observe the administration of contrast, but does 101  
require the supervising physician to be present at the location 102  
where contrast is administered. 103

(2) General supervision does not require the supervising 104  
physician to observe the administration of contrast or to be 105  
present at the location where contrast is administered, but does 106

require the supervising physician to be readily available for 107  
purposes of consulting with and directing the radiographer or 108  
technologist while administering contrast. 109

(B) If a physician provides general supervision of a 110  
radiographer, radiation therapy technologist, or nuclear 111  
medicine technologist under this section, then a health care 112  
provider that the physician and institution's clinical 113  
leadership have determined meets the following qualifications 114  
shall be present at the location where the radiographer or 115  
technologist administers contrast, in order to assist the 116  
radiographer or technologist in the event of a reaction to 117  
contrast material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 118  
administration: 119

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 120  
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 121  
diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast material 122  
and other adverse events resulting from contrast administration. 123

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 124  
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 125  
reaction to contrast material or for a physiological adverse 126  
event resulting from contrast administration. 127

(3) The provider is legally authorized to administer 128  
prescription drugs and other interventions, either independently 129  
or in accordance with a physician's standing order or 130  
institutional protocol, to treat a reaction or event described 131  
in division (B) (2) of this section. 132

(4) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 133  
physician within an appropriate time frame. 134

(5) The provider is certified in basic life support by an 135

organization acceptable to the institution. 136

(6) The provider understands when to call for assistance 137  
and how to activate emergency response systems. 138

(C) When engaging in or supervising contrast 139  
administration or when assisting with a reaction to contrast 140  
material or other adverse event resulting from contrast 141  
administration, the radiographer, radiation therapy 142  
technologist, nuclear medicine technologist, physician, and 143  
qualified health care provider shall do so in a manner that is 144  
consistent with a definitive set of treatment guidelines 145  
approved by the clinical leadership of the institution at which 146  
the radiographer, technologist, physician, and qualified health 147  
care provider practice. 148

**Sec. 4773.10.** As used in this section, "clinical 149  
leadership" includes an institution's medical director and 150  
director of radiology. 151

~~When~~ Except as provided in section 4773.062 of the Revised 152  
Code, when engaging in an activity pursuant to a license issued 153  
under this chapter to practice as a radiographer or nuclear 154  
medicine technologist, the radiographer or nuclear medicine 155  
technologist shall do so in a manner that is consistent with a 156  
definitive set of treatment guidelines approved by the clinical 157  
leadership of the institution at which the radiographer or 158  
technologist practices. 159

**Sec. 4774.08.** (A) A radiologist assistant shall practice 160  
only under the supervision of a radiologist acting in accordance 161  
with ~~section~~ sections 4774.10 and 4774.101 of the Revised Code. 162  
Under this supervision and subject to division (B) of this 163  
section, a radiologist assistant may do all of the following: 164

(1) Perform fluoroscopic procedures;	165
(2) Assess and evaluate the physiologic and psychological responsiveness of patients undergoing radiologic procedures;	166 167
(3) Evaluate image quality, make initial image observations, and communicate observations to the supervising radiologist;	168 169 170
(4) Administer contrast media, radio-isotopes, and other drugs prescribed by the supervising radiologist that are directly related to the radiologic procedures being performed;	171 172 173
(5) Perform any other radiologic procedures specified by the state medical board in rules adopted under section 4774.11 of the Revised Code.	174 175 176
(B) A radiologist assistant shall not do any of the following:	177 178
(1) Interpret radiologic images;	179
(2) Make diagnoses;	180
(3) Prescribe therapies;	181
(4) Administer or participate in the administration of general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, or minimal sedation.	182 183 184
<b>Sec. 4774.10.</b> (A) To be eligible to supervise a radiologist assistant, a physician shall be actively and directly engaged in the clinical practice of medicine and surgery as a radiologist or actively and directly engaged in the clinical practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery as a radiologist.	185 186 187 188 189 190
(B) In providing supervision of a radiologist assistant, a	191

supervising radiologist is subject to all of the following: 192

(1) Except as provided in divisions (B) (2) and (3) of this 193  
section and section 4774.101 of the Revised Code, the 194  
supervising radiologist shall provide on-site supervision of the 195  
radiologist assistant. The supervision shall be provided by 196  
being physically present in the same location as the radiologist 197  
assistant. The provision of on-site supervision does not 198  
necessarily require that the supervising radiologist be in the 199  
same room as the radiologist assistant. On-site supervision 200  
shall be provided when the radiologist assistant performs a 201  
radiologic procedure on a patient who is under minimal sedation. 202

(2) When the radiologist assistant performs a radiologic 203  
procedure on a patient who is under general anesthesia, deep 204  
sedation, or moderate sedation, the supervising radiologist 205  
shall provide direct supervision. The supervision shall be 206  
provided by being physically present in the same room as the 207  
radiologist assistant, with the radiologist assistant in the 208  
actual sight of the supervising radiologist when the radiologist 209  
assistant is performing the radiologic procedure. 210

(3) In the case of any radiologic procedure that a 211  
radiologist assistant is authorized to perform pursuant to 212  
division (A) (5) of section 4774.08 of the Revised Code, the 213  
supervising radiologist shall provide the level of supervision 214  
specified by the state medical board in the rules adopted under 215  
section 4774.11 of the Revised Code authorizing the performance 216  
of the procedure. 217

(C) The supervising radiologist of a radiologist assistant 218  
assumes legal liability for the services provided by the 219  
radiologist assistant. 220

Sec. 4774.101. (A) When a radiologist assistant 221  
administers contrast media as described in division (A) (4) of 222  
section 4774.08 of the Revised Code, a supervising radiologist 223  
shall provide on-site or remote supervision. 224

For purposes of this section, both of the following apply 225  
to a radiologist's supervision: 226

(1) On-site supervision does not require the supervising 227  
radiologist to be in the same room as the radiologist assistant 228  
during the administration of contrast media, but does require 229  
the supervising radiologist to be physically present at the same 230  
location where contrast media is administered. 231

(2) Remote supervision does not require the supervising 232  
radiologist to be physically present in the same room or 233  
location as the radiologist assistant during the administration 234  
of contrast media, but does require the supervising radiologist 235  
to be readily available for purposes of consulting with and 236  
directing the radiologist assistant while administering contrast 237  
media. 238

(B) If a supervising radiologist provides remote 239  
supervision of a radiologist assistant, then a health care 240  
provider that the radiologist and institution's clinical 241  
leadership have determined meets the following qualifications 242  
shall be present at the same location where the radiologist 243  
assistant administers contrast media, in order to assist the 244  
radiologist assistant in the event of a reaction to contrast 245  
media or other adverse event resulting from contrast media 246  
administration: 247

(1) The provider received training and meets competency 248  
guidelines set by the institution for recognizing, evaluating, 249

diagnosing, and differentiating reactions to contrast media and 250  
other adverse events resulting from contrast media 251  
administration. 252

(2) The provider is able to recognize when medical 253  
intervention is required for an immediate, hypersensitive 254  
reaction to contrast media or for a physiological adverse event 255  
resulting from contrast media administration. 256

(3) The provider is legally authorized to administer 257  
prescription drugs and other interventions, either independently 258  
or in accordance with a radiologist's standing order or 259  
institutional protocol, to treat a reaction or event described 260  
in division (B) (2) of this section. 261

(4) The provider is able to consult with the supervising 262  
radiologist within an appropriate time frame. 263

(5) The provider is certified in basic life support by an 264  
organization acceptable to the institution. 265

(6) The provider understands when to call for assistance 266  
and how to activate emergency response systems. 267

(C) When engaging in or supervising contrast media 268  
administration or when assisting with a reaction to contrast 269  
media or other adverse event resulting from contrast media 270  
administration, the radiologist assistant, supervising 271  
radiologist, and qualified health care provider shall do so in a 272  
manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment 273  
guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the 274  
institution at which the assistant, radiologist, and qualified 275  
health care provider practice. 276

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 277  
4774.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 278