

**HB276 ENGROSSED**



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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED  
7 AN ACT

9 Relating to physician endorsements; to amend Sections  
10 34-21-93.1 and 34-24-292, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide  
11 that an endorsement by a certified registered nurse  
12 practitioner, a certified nurse midwife, or an assistant to a  
13 physician on a physical examination form for participation in  
14 school athletics satisfies any requirement for the endorsement  
15 of a physician on the required form; and to prohibit an  
16 athletic association, club, or league from refusing to accept  
17 physical examination forms for participation in school  
18 athletics endorsed in compliance with this act.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. Sections 34-21-93.1 and 34-24-292 of the  
21 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

22 "§34-21-93.1



29 The authority in this section for a certified registered nurse  
30 practitioner and a certified nurse midwife shall be subject to  
31 an active collaboration agreement. This section applies to all  
32 of the following:

33 (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive  
34 special access parking or disability access parking tags or  
35 placards.

36 (2) A signature required for any of the following:

37 a. The following documents that require a complete  
38 history and physical examination consistent with the examining  
39 provider's scope of practice and certification:

40 1. Physicals for bus drivers in this state using State  
41 of Alabama forms.

42 2. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to  
43 participate in the Special Olympics.

44 3. Employment and pre-employment physicals for  
45 Transportation Security Agency (TSA) employees at an airport  
46 or for governmental employees such as firefighters and law  
47 enforcement officers.

48 4. Adoptive parent applications.

49 5. College or trade school physicals.

50 6. Boy Scout or Girl Scout physicals or physical  
51 required by similar organizations.

52 7. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to  
53 participate in K-12 school athletic activities including, but  
54 not limited to, interscholastic athletic activities. The Board  
55 of Nursing, on or before July 1, 2026, shall add these  
56 physicals as an option to all certified registered nurse



57 practitioner and certified nurse midwife model practice  
58 protocols for the parties to a collaboration agreement to  
59 select as an allowable standard skill.

60       b. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an  
61       illness.

62       c. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or  
63       school purposes, including, but not limited to, documents  
64       associated with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

65       d. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

66       e. Authorizations for diabetic testing supplies.

67       f. Authorization for diabetic shoes.

68       g. Home health recertification orders after initial  
69       certification.

70       h. Within the state Medicaid system, any and all forms  
71       for the ordering of medications, nutritional supplements, or  
72       infant formulas, or referrals to providers of medical  
73       specialties, home health services, and physical or occupation  
74       therapy.

75       i. Death certificates.

76       j. Forms, including physical examination forms, needed  
77       for certifications in residential or inpatient dwellings  
78       within the Department of Mental Health.

79       k. Forms for ambulance transport.

80       l. Forms for donor breast milk.

81       m. Required documentation allowing a diabetic to renew  
82       or obtain a driver's license.

83       (b) Additional forms may be approved by rule under the  
84       Alabama Administrative Procedure Act by the State Board of



85 Medical Examiners, after consulting with the state  
86 professional society of nurse practitioners, the state  
87 professional society of nurse midwives, the state professional  
88 society of physicians, or the Joint Committee of the State  
89 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing for  
90 Advanced Practice Nurses as established by Section 34-21-81,  
91 whichever is appropriate.

92 (c) This section shall not be construed to expand the  
93 scope of practice for any certified registered nurse  
94 practitioner or certified nurse midwife.

95 (d) This section does not expand the scope of a  
96 collaborative physician's responsibility with regard to nurse  
97 practitioners or nurse midwives under the laws of this state.

98 (e) (1) For purposes of this subsection, an athletic  
99 association has the same meaning as provided in Section  
100 16-1-52.1.

101 (2) An athletic association, club, or league shall not  
102 refuse to accept physical examination forms to verify  
103 eligibility for students to participate in K-12 school  
104 athletic activities which are endorsed by a certified  
105 registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife in  
106 compliance with this section."

107 "§34-24-292

108 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
109 licensed assistant to a physician may perform medical services  
110 when the services are rendered under the supervision of a  
111 licensed physician or physicians approved by the board;  
112 except, that no medical services may be performed under this



113 article except under the supervision of an ophthalmologist in  
114 the office in which the physician normally actually practices  
115 his or her profession and nowhere else in any of the following  
116 areas:

117 (1) The measurement of the powers or range of human  
118 vision or the determination of the accommodation and  
119 refractive state of the human eye or the scope of its  
120 functions in general or the fitting or adaptation of lenses or  
121 frames for the aid thereof.

122 (2) The prescribing or directing the use of or using  
123 any optical device in connection with ocular exercises, visual  
124 training, or orthoptics.

125 (3) The prescribing of contact lenses for or the  
126 fitting or adaptation of contact lenses to the human eye.  
127 Nothing in this section shall preclude the performance of  
128 routine visual screening.

129 (b) In the performance of any medical service  
130 contemplated by this article, an assistant to a physician  
131 shall be conclusively presumed to be the agent, servant, or  
132 employee solely of the licensed physician or physicians under  
133 whose supervision he or she performs the service, and no other  
134 person, firm, corporation, or other organization shall be held  
135 liable or responsible for any act or omission of the assistant  
136 arising out of the performance of the medical service.

137 (c) A licensed assistant to a physician registered to a  
138 licensed physician practicing under a job description approved  
139 in the manner prescribed by this article may prescribe legend  
140 drugs to patients, subject to both of the following



141 conditions:

142 (1) The drug type, dosage, quantity prescribed, and  
143 number of refills shall be authorized in an approved job  
144 description signed by the physicians to whom the assistant is  
145 registered.

146 (2) The drug shall be on the formulary approved under  
147 the guidelines of the Board of Medical Examiners.

148 (d) Assistants to physicians may administer any legend  
149 drug which they are authorized to prescribe under this  
150 section. An assistant to a physician may not initiate a  
151 call-in prescription in the name of his or her physician for  
152 any drug, whether legend drug or controlled substance, which  
153 the assistant is not authorized to prescribe under the job  
154 description signed by his or her physician and approved under  
155 this section, unless the drug is specifically ordered for the  
156 patient by the physician either in writing or by a verbal  
157 order which has been reduced to writing and which has been  
158 signed by the physician within a time specified in the  
159 guidelines of the Board of Medical Examiners.

160 (e) (1) An assistant to a physician who has successfully  
161 completed the Physician Assistant National Certification  
162 Examination and is registered to a physician practicing under  
163 a job description approved in the manner prescribed by this  
164 article may sign physicals to verify eligibility for students  
165 to participate in K-12 school athletic activities including,  
166 but not limited to, interscholastic athletic activities,  
167 without requiring the additional signature of a physician. The  
168 State Board of Medical Examiners, on or before July 1, 2026,



169 shall update its forms to include these physicals as an option  
170 for the supervising physician and eligible assistant to a  
171 physician to select as an allowable standard skill.

172 (2)a. For purposes of this subdivision, an athletic  
173 association has the same meaning as provided in Section  
174 16-1-52.1.

175 b. An athletic association, club, or league shall not  
176 refuse to accept physical examination forms to verify  
177 eligibility for students to participate in K-12 school  
178 athletic activities which are endorsed by an assistant to a  
179 physician in compliance with this section."

180 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
181 2026.



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