

**SPECIAL NOTICE: RN ACCEPTING ORDERS FROM OTHER
PRACTITIONERS**

The Registered Nurse Rules and Regulations §21.14 (Administration of drugs) (a) states “A licensed registered nurse may administer a drug ordered for a patient in the dosage and manner prescribed.” The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing recognizes that practitioners other than physicians, such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants and institutional pharmacists, are authorized by law and/or regulations to issue orders for drugs and that the RN may accept and execute such orders.

This change, effective December 20, 2003, to the Registered Nurse Rules and Regulations at 49 Pa. Code §21.14 (Administration of drugs) removed the language that the drug administered by the RN be ordered “by a licensed doctor of the healing arts.”