ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

NRS 630.0247 "Supervising anesthesiologist" defined. "Supervising anesthesiologist" means an active physician who is licensed and in good standing in this State, is certified or is eligible to be certified as an anesthesiologist by the American Board of Anesthesiology or its successor organization and supervises one or more anesthesiologist assistants.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1545)

NRS 630.008 "Anesthesiologist assistant" defined. "Anesthesiologist assistant" means a person who has been issued a license by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.2683 or 630.2685, as applicable, and is approved by the Board to assist in the practice of medicine under the supervision of a supervising anesthesiologist.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1545)

Proposal: Remove requirement/authority for anesthesiologist assistants to be licensed by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. It is unclear when/why they need to be licensed by both boards. The Nevada Legislature drafted anesthesiologist assistants (AAs) in a manner similar to physician assistants. That assumed a set one-to-one supervision relationship. Instead, AAs do not always work with the same supervising anesthesiologist, and they are allowed to work under the supervision of any anesthesiologist licensed in Nevada under the NRS Chapter 630 definitions. Removing licensure for AAs from the Board of Osteopathic Medicine would simplify things for those licensees. For example, NRS 630.0137 allows a perfusionist to work "under the order and supervision of a physician." It does not specify whether the physician is licensed pursuant to NRS 630 or NRS 633. Similarly, practitioners of respiratory care practice "under the direction of or pursuant to a prescription from a physician licensed to practice in this State, any other state, any territory of the United States or the District of Columbia" according to NRS 630.276.

~~**NRS 630.26835 Simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by State Board of Osteopathic Medicine: Application; fees.**~~

~~1. A person applying for an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS must:~~

~~(a) Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS;~~

~~(b) Apply for a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to:~~

~~(1) The Board pursuant to this chapter; and~~

~~(2) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS; and~~

~~(c) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:~~

(1) The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501.

2. If a person who applies for an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter indicates that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS and pays the fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 and the person does not pay the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501 within 1 year after the issuance of his or her license pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The Board of Medical Examiners shall notify the person that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:

(1) The fee for application for and issuance of a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The fee for application for and initial issuance of a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(b) The person shall pay to the Board of Medical Examiners the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1549; A 2025, 1610)

NRS 630.2684 Renewal of simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by State Board of Osteopathic Medicine: Application; fees.

1. A person applying to renew an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS must:

(a) Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS;

(b) Apply:

(1) To renew an anesthesiologist assistant license to the Board pursuant to this chapter; and

(2) For an anesthesiologist assistant license to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS; and

(c) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:

(1) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501.

2. If an applicant to renew an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter indicates that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of

NRS and pays the fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 but does not pay the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501 within 1 year after the renewal of his or her license pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The Board of Medical Examiners shall notify the anesthesiologist assistant that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:

(1) The fee for biennial registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(b) The anesthesiologist assistant shall pay to the Board of Medical Examiners the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1549; A 2025, 1610)

NRS 630.26845 Simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by State Board of Osteopathic Medicine: Application by holder of license as anesthesiologist assistant issued by Board of Medical Examiners at time other than with application for renewal; fees.

1. If a person licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS, the person must:

(a) Apply for an anesthesiologist assistant license to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS; and

(b) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:

(1) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501.

2. If a person licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter pays the fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 in accordance with subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 but does not pay the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501 within 1 year after the next time the person renews his or her license pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The Board of Medical Examiners shall notify the anesthesiologist assistant that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:

(1) The fee for biennial registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(2) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268; and

(b) The anesthesiologist assistant shall pay to the Board of Medical Examiners the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1550; A 2025, 1611)

NRS 633.013 "Anesthesiologist assistant" defined. "Anesthesiologist assistant" means a person who has been issued a license by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4254 or 633.4262, as applicable, and is approved by the Board to assist in the practice of medicine under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1564)

NRS 633.017 "Assist in the practice of medicine" defined. "Assist in the practice of medicine" means an anesthesiologist assistant personally performs the duties assigned to the anesthesiologist assistant by and under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1564)

NRS 633.1225 "Supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist" defined. "Supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist" means an active osteopathic physician who is licensed and in good standing in this State, is certified or eligible to be certified as an anesthesiologist by the American Board of Anesthesiology or its successor organization and supervises one or more anesthesiologist assistants.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1564)

NRS 633.425 Authorized services; prohibited actions.

1. An anesthesiologist assistant licensed under the provisions of this chapter may assist in the practice of medicine in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252 and under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

2. An anesthesiologist assistant may perform the following duties and responsibilities as delegated by and under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist, including, without limitation:

(a) Developing and implementing an anesthesia care plan for a patient;

(b) Obtaining the comprehensive health history of a patient, performing relevant elements of a physical examination of a patient and recording relevant data;

(c) Ordering and performing preoperative and postoperative anesthetic patient evaluations and consultations and maintaining progress notes;

(d) Subject to the limitations for NRS 453.375, possessing and administering preoperative and perioperative medications, including, without limitation, controlled substances, administering anesthetic agents, related pharmaceutical agents, fluid and blood products and adjunctive treatment, for purposes of:

(1) Maintaining and altering the levels of anesthesia and providing continuity of anesthetic care into and during the postoperative recovery period;

(2) The continuation of perioperative medications;

(3) Performing general anesthesia, including, without limitation, induction, maintenance, emergence and other procedures associated with general anesthesia;

(4) Administering vasoactive drugs and starting and titrating vasoactive infusions to treat a response of a patient to anesthesia; and

(5) Administering postoperative sedation, anxiolysis or analgesia medication to treat patient responses to anesthesia;

(e) Entering in the medical record of a patient verbal or written medication chart orders prescribed by the supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist;

(f) Changing or discontinuing an anesthesia care plan after consulting with the supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist;

(g) Obtaining informed consent from a patient or the parent or guardian of the patient, as applicable, for the administration of anesthesia or related procedures;

(h) Pretesting and calibrating anesthesia delivery systems and obtaining information from such systems and from monitors;

(i) Implementing medically accepted monitoring techniques;

(j) Establishing airway interventions and performing ventilatory support, including, without limitation, endotracheal intubation, laryngeal mask insertion and other advanced airway techniques;

(k) Establishing peripheral intravenous lines, including, without limitation, the use of subcutaneous lidocaine, and performing invasive procedures, including, without limitation, the placement of arterial lines, central lines and Swan-Ganz catheters;

(l) Performing, maintaining, evaluating and managing epidural, spinal and regional anesthesia, including, without limitation, catheters;

(m) Performing monitored anesthesia care;

(n) Conducting laboratory and other related studies, including, without limitation, taking blood samples and administering blood, blood products and supportive fluids;

(o) Performing, ordering and interpreting preoperative, point-of-care, intraoperative or postoperative diagnostic testing or procedures;

(p) Monitoring the patient while in the preoperative suite, recovery area or labor suites and making postanesthesia rounds;

(q) Participating in administrative, research and clinical teaching activities, including, without limitation, supervising student anesthesiologist assistants and students involved in anesthesia training;

(r) Initiating and managing cardiopulmonary resuscitation in response to a life-threatening situation; and

(s) Performing such other tasks that are not otherwise prohibited by law and in which the anesthesiologist assistant has been trained and is competent.

3. An anesthesiologist assistant shall not prescribe any controlled substance or any dangerous drug, as defined in NRS 454.201.

4. An anesthesiologist assistant may not perform any duties which are outside the scope of the duties assigned to the anesthesiologist assistant by the supervising

osteopathic anesthesiologist or delegate any medical care task assigned to the anesthesiologist assistant by the supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist to any other person.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1564)

NRS 633.4252 Regulations concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing the requirements for the issuance of a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to NRS 633.4254 and a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to NRS 633.4262, including, without limitation:

1. The required qualifications of an applicant for such a license or temporary license;

2. The academic or educational certificates, credentials or programs of study required of an applicant for such a license or temporary licenses;

3. The procedures for submitting an application for a license or temporary license;

4. The standards of review for applicants submitted pursuant to NRS 633.4254 and 633.4262 and procedures for the issuance of such licenses;

5. The testing or examination of applicants by the Board;

6. The renewal, revocation, suspension and termination of licenses;

7. The regulation and discipline of anesthesiologist assistants, including, without limitation, the reporting of complaints, conducting investigations of alleged misconduct and disciplinary proceedings;

8. The requirements for the supervision of an anesthesiologist assistant by a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist; and

9. Consistent with the provisions of NRS 633.425, the duties which an anesthesiologist assistant may perform under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1567)

NRS 633.4254 Initial license as anesthesiologist assistant: Requirements for issuance; contents of application; issuance; expiration; renewal.

1. The Board may issue a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who:

(a) Graduated from an anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organization;

(b) Has passed a certification examination administered by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants, its successor organization or other nationally recognized organization for the certification of anesthesiologist assistants that has been reviewed and approved by the Board;

(c) Is certified by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants, its successor organization or other nationally recognized organization for

the certification of anesthesiologist assistants that has been reviewed and approved by the Board;

(d) Submits an application for a license as an anesthesiologist assistant in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252;

(e) Pays the application fee for the application for and issuance of a license as an anesthesiologist assistant required by NRS 633.501; and

(f) Meets the qualifications prescribed by the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252 to assist in the practice of medicine under the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

2. An applicant for a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant submitted pursuant to this section must include, without limitation, all the information required by the Board to complete the application.

3. A license issued by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 may be renewed on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year in a manner consistent with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1566; A 2025, 97)

NRS 633.4256 Simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by Board of Medical Examiners: Application; fees.

1. A person applying for a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:

(a) Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS;

(b) Apply for a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to:

(1) The Board pursuant to this chapter; and

(2) The Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and

(c) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:

(1) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

(2) The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268.

2. If a person who applies for an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter indicates that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS and pays the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501 and the person does not pay the fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 within 1 year after the issuance of his or her license pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall notify the person that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:

(1) The application and initial license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant

~~established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and~~

~~(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and~~

~~(b) The person shall pay to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

~~(Added to NRS by 2023, 1568; A 2025, 1639)~~

~~**NRS 633.4258 Renewal of simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by Board of Medical Examiners: Application; fees.**~~

~~1. A person applying to renew an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:~~

~~(a) Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS;~~

~~(b) Apply:~~

~~(1) To renew an anesthesiologist assistant license to the Board pursuant to this chapter; and~~

~~(2) For an anesthesiologist assistant license to the Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and~~

~~(c) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:~~

~~(1) The biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and~~

~~(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268.~~

~~2. If an applicant to renew an anesthesiologist assistant license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter indicates that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS and pays the biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501 but does not pay the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 within 1 year after the renewal of his or her license pursuant to this chapter:~~

~~(a) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall notify the anesthesiologist assistant that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:~~

~~(1) The biennial license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and~~

~~(2) The biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and~~

~~(b) The anesthesiologist assistant shall pay to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

~~(Added to NRS by 2023, 1568; A 2025, 1639)~~

NRS 633.426 Simultaneous license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant issued by Board of Medical Examiners: Application by holder of license as anesthesiologist assistant issued by State Board of Osteopathic Medicine at time other than with application for renewal; fees.

1. If a person licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS, the person must:

(a) Apply for an anesthesiologist assistant license to the Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and

(b) Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:

(1) The biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

(2) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268.

2. If a person licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter pays the biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501 in accordance with subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 but does not pay the application and initial simultaneous license fee for an anesthesiologist assistant established pursuant to NRS 630.268 within 1 year after the next time the person renews his or her license pursuant to this chapter:

(a) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall notify the anesthesiologist assistant that he or she is required to pay to the Board the difference between:

(1) The biennial license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

(2) The biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant license established pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

(b) The anesthesiologist assistant shall pay to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine the amount required by paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after the date of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (a).

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1568; A 2025, 97, 1640)

NRS 633.4262 Temporary license to practice as anesthesiologist assistant.

1. The Board may issue a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who:

(a) Graduated from an anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organization or another program for educating and training anesthesiologist assistants but who has not yet passed the certification examination required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 633.4254;

(b) Submits an application for temporary licensure; and

(c) Pays the application fee required by NRS 633.501.

2. An applicant for a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant submitted pursuant to this section must include all the information required by the Board to complete the application.

3. An applicant issued a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to subsection 1 must take the next available certification examination required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 633.4254 after receiving a temporary license.

4. A temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant issued pursuant to subsection 1 is valid for a period of 1 year and is subject to any requirements established by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4254.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1566)

NRS 633.4264 Duty to identify as anesthesiologist assistant. An anesthesiologist assistant licensed pursuant to NRS 633.4254 or 633.4262 shall identify himself or herself as an anesthesiologist assistant when engaged in professional duties.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1567)

NRS 633.4266 Rendering of emergency care in emergency or disaster without supervision of supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist.

1. An anesthesiologist assistant licensed pursuant to NRS 633.4254 or 633.4262 who is responding to a need for medical care created by an emergency or disaster, as declared by a governmental agency, may render emergency care that is directly related to the emergency or disaster without the supervision of a supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist as required by this chapter. The provisions of this subsection apply only for the duration of the emergency or disaster.

2. A supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist who supervises an anesthesiologist assistant who is rendering emergency care that is directly related to an emergency or disaster, as described in subsection 1, is not required to meet the requirements set forth in this chapter for such supervision.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1567)

NRS 633.4268 Manner of supervision of anesthesiologist assistant.

1. A supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist shall be immediately available in such proximity to an anesthesiologist assistant during the performance of his or her duties that the supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist is able to effectively reestablish direct contact with the patient to meet the medical needs of the patient and intervene to address any urgent or emergent clinical problems.

2. A supervising osteopathic anesthesiologist shall supervise an anesthesiologist assistant in a manner consistent with any applicable federal rule or regulation for reimbursement for anesthesia services.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1567)

NRS 633.427 Medical facility employing anesthesiologist assistant required to submit list of such personnel to Board; confidentiality of list; medical facilities required to confirm qualifications with Board before employment of anesthesiologist assistant.

1. Each medical facility in this State employing an anesthesiologist assistant shall submit to the Board a list of such personnel at least three times annually, as directed by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, each list submitted to the Board pursuant to this subsection is confidential.

2. A medical facility shall, before hiring an anesthesiologist assistant, obtain validation from the Board that the prospective employee is licensed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 633.4254 or 633.4262, as applicable.

(Added to NRS by 2023, 1568)