

By: Shurden of the Senate
and
Armes of the House

[professions and occupations - physicians - disaster
skills -

effective date]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 725.2, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 543, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 725.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 725.2 A. The following nine classes of persons may use the word "Doctor", or an abbreviation thereof, and shall have the right to use, whether or not in conjunction with the word "Doctor", or any abbreviation thereof, the following designations:

1. The letters "D.P.M." by a person licensed to practice podiatry under Chapter 4 of this title;

2. The letters "D.C." by a person licensed to practice chiropractic under Chapter 5 of this title;

3. The letters "D.D.S." by a person licensed to practice dentistry under Chapter 7 of this title;

4. The letters "M.D." by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under Chapter 11 of this title;

5. The letters "O.D." by a person licensed to practice optometry under Chapter 13 of this title;

6. The letters "D.O." by a person licensed to practice osteopathy under Chapter 14 of this title;

7. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or "Psy.D." by a person licensed as a health service psychologist pursuant to the Psychologists Licensing Act;

8. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a doctoral degree by a person licensed as a speech and language pathologist pursuant to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act and who has earned a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the field of speech and language pathology; and

9. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a doctoral degree by a person licensed as an audiologist pursuant to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act and who has earned a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the field of audiology.

B. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "doctor" or "doctors" shall mean and include each of the nine classes of persons listed in subsection A of this section.

C. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "physician" or "physicians" shall mean and include each of the classes of persons listed in paragraphs 1 through 6 of subsection A of this section. The term "physician" shall not include any person specified in paragraphs 7 through 9 of subsection A of this section unless such person is otherwise authorized to use such designation pursuant to this section.

D. A physician listed in this section may be certified as a "First Responder" pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-2503 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes upon receiving certification in Basic Disaster Skills. Basic Disaster skills certification shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Patient assessment in a limited time frame including, but not limited to, vital signs, airway, breathing, circulation and consciousness;

2. Documentation according to current national emergency protocol including, but not limited to:

a. symptoms/signs, allergies, medications, past pertinent history, last meal, events leading to injury (SAMPLE) history, and

b. onset, provocation, quality of pain, radiation, severity, time (OPQRST) focused/detailed, medial and trauma evaluation;

3. Stabilization and transportation of the injured including, but not limited to, log roll, stabilization of the cervical spine and use of spine board and stretcher;

4. Current first aid techniques including, but not limited to, bleeding control, shock, rapid splint and cold and heat emergencies, as well as current Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO), and Autonomic External Defibrillation (AED), techniques as per the American Red Cross or American Heart Association Protocol for health care providers; and

5. Possession and administration of any drug, medicine, serum or vaccine; provided, a physician has satisfactorily completed one hundred (100) classroom hours of clinical pharmacology of all schedules and sixty (60) hours of clinical application of pharmacotherapeutics and has been certified proficient by examination in the field of clinical pharmacology. D.C. persons licensed to practice chiropractic under Chapter 5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall not be permitted to possess or administer any drug, medicine, serum or vaccine under this act.

E. Services rendered in an emergency by a First Responder shall be governed by the provisions of Section 5 of Title 76 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the "Good Samaritan Act."

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person licensed in this state to perform speech pathology or audiology services is hereby designated to be a practitioner of the healing art for purposes of making a referral for speech pathology or audiology services pursuant to the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Amendment of 1997, Public Law 105-17, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2005.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives