

Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Family Health

Policy: Exception to accept the signature of a Physician Assistant on a health assessment without the counter signature of the licensed physician.

Effective Date: March 10, 2014

Program CCLR – Early Care and Youth
Programs Section 2008 - 004

Applies to Licensed Day Care Homes; Group Day Care Homes; Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies; Preschools and Child Care Centers; Child Placing Agencies; Residential and Group Boarding Homes; Secure Residential Treatment Facilities; Detention and Secure Care Facilities; and Family Foster Homes

EXCEPTION TO ACCEPT THE SIGNATURE OF A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ON A HEALTH ASSESSMENT WITHOUT THE COUNTER SIGNATURE OF THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN

I. POLICY

An exception is granted permitting a physician's assistant, operating under a written protocol as authorized by a responsible or supervising physician, to document completion of the required child or adult (individuals 16 years of age and older) health assessment without the counter signature of a responsible or supervising physician. This exception pertains to the following Early Care and Youth Programs and CPA and Residential Programs regulations:

Early Care and Youth Programs	CPA and Residential Programs
K.A.R. 28-4-117(a) Licensed Day Care Home and Group Day Care Homes	K.A.R. 28-4-174(h) Child Placing Agencies
K.A.R. 28-4-126(b) General Regulations	K.A.R. 28-4-275(c) Residential & Group Boarding Homes
K.A.R. 28-4-430(a) Preschools and Child Care Centers	KAR.28-4-341(b) and (d) Secure Residential Treatment Facilities
K.A.R. 28-4-188(a) Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies	K.A.R. 28-4-356(b) and (d) Detention and Secure Care Facilities
	K.A.R. 28-4-819(b), (c) and (d) Family Foster Care Regulations

II. PROCEDURES

This exception is effective as of the date stated above and remains in effect until the Department determines the exception is no longer in the best interest of children and families. The exception shall be posted next to the facility license.

III. PURPOSE

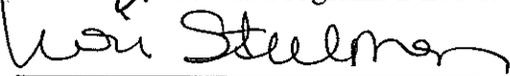
The purpose of this exception is to provide flexibility in documenting the required health assessment for children and adults.

IV. AUTHORITY

The Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the authority to grant exceptions to regulations when it is in the best interest of children and families pursuant to K.A.R. 28-4-119b, K.A.R. 28-4-171(c), K.A.R. 28-4-186(c), K.A.R. 28-4-269(l), K.A.R.28-4-287(f), K.A.R.28-4-331(l), K.A.R. 28-4-360(d), K.A.R. 28-4-422(f) and K.A.R. 28-4-804(e).


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