§ 43-34-23. Delegation of authority to nurse or physician assistant

(8) "Order" means to select a drug, medical treatment, or diagnostic study through physician delegation in accordance with a nurse protocol or a physician assistant's job description. Ordering under such delegation shall not be construed to be prescribing nor shall ordering of a drug be construed to authorize the issuance of a written prescription.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioners) Prescription Law

§ 43-34-25. Delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse; construction and limitations of such delegation; definitions; conditions of nurse protocol; issuance of prescription drug orders

(d) A written prescription drug order issued pursuant to this Code section shall be signed by the advanced practice registered nurse and shall be on a form which shall include, without limitation, the names of the advanced practice registered nurse and delegating physician who are parties to the nurse protocol agreement, the patient's name and address, the drug or device ordered, directions with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug or use of the device, and the number of refills. A prescription drug order which is transmitted either electronically or via facsimile shall conform to the requirements set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 26-4-80, respectively.

(k) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize an advanced practice registered nurse to issue a prescription drug order for a Schedule I or II controlled substance or authorize refills of any drug for more than 12 months from the date of the original order except in the case of oral contraceptives, hormone replacement therapy, or prenatal vitamins which may be refilled for a period of 24 months.

Physician Assistant Prescription Law

§ 43-34-103. Application for assistant; number of assistants; job descriptions; duties; receipt of samples; employment by nonpracticing physicians; delegated authority; temporary practice agreements; assistance during emergencies; pronouncement of death.

(e.1) (1) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted by Code Section 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job description, the authority to issue a prescription drug order or orders for any device as defined in Code Section 26-4-5 or to issue any dangerous drug as defined in Code Section 16-13-71 or any Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance as defined in Code Section 16-13-21 on a prescription drug order or prescription device order form as specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by this Code section. The delegating physician shall remain responsible for the medical acts of the physician assistant performing such delegated acts and shall adequately supervise the physician assistant. If an existing job description for a physician assistant does not contain such authority to order a prescription drug or device order as provided by
this subsection, that physician assistant may not issue any such prescription drug or device
order until a new job description delegating such authority is submitted to and approved by
the board. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize the written
prescription drug order of a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

(e)(3) The physician assistant shall only be authorized to exercise the rights granted under
this subsection using a prescription drug or device order form which includes the name,
address, and telephone number of the prescribing supervising or alternate supervising
physician, the patient's name and address, the drug or device prescribed, the number of
refills, and directions to the patient with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug. A
prescription drug order which is transmitted either electronically or via facsimile shall
conform to the requirements set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of Code
Section 26-4-80, respectively. Any form containing less information than that described in
this paragraph shall not be offered to or accepted by any pharmacist who is duly licensed
under Title 26.