

**North Dakota Board of Nursing  
Medical Assistant / Medication Assistant III (MAIII)  
Scope of Practice Comparison to RN / LPN**

Task/Role  “X” indicates within scope	RN	LPN	Medical Assistant UAP	Medical Assistant with MAIII
Comprehensive patient assessment	X			
Focused patient assessment	X	X		
Collection and documentation of basic subjective and objective data, including vital signs	X	X	X	X
Interpretation of vital signs and notification to provider	X	X <i>with RN direction</i>		
Care of patients whose condition is stable and predictable	X	X	X	X
Care of unstable patients	X			
Development of plan of care and patient goals	X			
Modification or contribution to the plan of care	X	X		
Patient teaching	X	X	<i>No except may teach activities that promote independence in ADLs</i>	<i>No except may teach activities that promote independence in ADLs</i>
Coordination and management of care, including collaborating, consulting, and referring	X			
Notifying a patient of lab results	X	X		
Accepting a verbal or phone order from a provider	X	X		
Triage	X			
Medication Administration (with a prescriber’s order)	X	X		X <i>with limitations as outlined in NDAC 54-07-05-09</i>
Aesthetics - Injection of neurotoxins or other injectables after training and certification	X			

Task/Role  "X" indicates within scope	RN	LPN	Medical Assistant UAP	Medical Assistant with MAIII
Initiation and management of IV therapy	X	X <i>only if the LPN has completed a board-approved associate degree program or IV therapy course</i>		
Management of and administration of medications through a central line	X	X <i>only if the LPN has completed a board-approved associate degree program or IV therapy course</i>		
Administration of medications through colostomy or urethral catheter	X	X		
Administration of barium or contrast medium	X			
Administration of chemotherapeutic agents (except oral maintenance chemotherapy)	X			
Administration or management of medications through a medication pump	X	X <i>only if the LPN has completed a board-approved associate degree program or IV therapy course</i>		
Determination of need for PRN medications	X	X		<i>No only with a written patient-specific plan for the MAIII to follow</i>

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Pronouncement of Death	X <i>may collect and report absence of vital signs to notify provider who then pronounces death</i>	X <i>may collect and report absence of vital signs to notify provider who then pronounces death</i>		
Changing dosages or ordering medications	<i>Only a provider such as a physician or APRN with prescriptive authority may prescribe, change doses, or order medications</i>			
Dispensing (taking medications from stock to give to a patient)	<i>Only a provider such as a physician or APRN with prescriptive authority may dispense medication</i>			

***It is recommended that licensees and registrants refer to organizational policies and procedures related to the practice of delegation by the nurse or the provider. The nurse or provider is responsible for ensuring that the task delegated is within the scope of practice and that the Medical Assistant UAP / MAIII is trained appropriately; the nurse or provider has ultimate responsibility for the tasks delegated to the UAP.***

**Resources:**

- NDCC 43-12.1 ([North Dakota Century Code t43c12.1 \(ndlegis.gov\)](http://ndlegis.gov))
- NDAC 54-05-02 ([North Dakota Administrative Code - Title 54 Article 5 Chapter 2 \(ndlegis.gov\)](http://ndlegis.gov))
- NDAC 54-07-03.1 ([North Dakota Administrative Code - Title 54 Article 7 Chapter 3.1 \(ndlegis.gov\)](http://ndlegis.gov))
- NDAC 54-07-05 ([North Dakota Administrative Code - Title 54 Article 7 Chapter 5\)](http://ndlegis.gov))
- NDBON Practice Guidance: Role of the LPN in IV Therapy ([Role of LPN in IV Therapy – ND Board of Nursing](http://ndlegis.gov))