

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT 56 OF 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REGISTERED HEALTH ASSISTANTS MAY PRACTISE THEIR PROFESSION

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The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the South African Medical and Dental Council, hereby makes the following regulations in terms of [section 61](#) (1) (m) of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Professions Act (Act 56 of 1974), in substitution for the rules published under Government Notice R.461 dated 22 March 1974, as amended:

1. The duties of health assistants shall be mainly of a preventive nature such as water, nutritional and epidemiological aspects of environmental health services, and the general promotion of the health of the population.

A registered health assistant shall not-

- (1) undertake an health service except in a service conducted or subsidised by a Government or provincial authority or such other service as may be approved for the purpose by the council;
- (2) undertake any medical auxiliary work except under the direction and control of a registered medical practitioner;
- (3) make an independent diagnosis or treat a case therapeutically on his own;
- (4) apply medicines or surgery in the examination of any person;
- (5) for the purpose of promoting his own professional interests, directly or indirectly advertise himself in any manner or procure, sanction or acquiesce in the publication of matter commanding or directing attention to his professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications or deprecating the professional skill, knowledge, services or qualifications of any other registered person.