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1. Transmitted is a revision to Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Manual M-2, Clinical Programs, Part XIV, "Surgical Service," Chapter 6, "Podiatry Service," formerly titled "Practice of Podiatry."

2. The principal changes are:

a. Paragraph 6.01: Podiatry Service is administratively assigned to Surgical Service, Ambulatory Care Service, or Chief of Staff.

b. Paragraph 6.02: The scope of practice for the podiatric physician includes the diagnosis, medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot and ankle.

c. Paragraph 6.03: Clinical surgical privileges will be granted on individual training and competency.

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CHAPTER 6. PODIATRY SERVICE

6.01 POLICY

a. In VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) medical centers, hospitals and outpatient clinics, the podiatrist is assigned to Surgical Service, Orthopedic Section, Ambulatory Care Service, or Chief of Staff;

b. In VA domiciliaries the podiatrist is assigned to the Chief of Staff, or consulting surgeon.

6.02 SCOPE

The scope of practice for the podiatric physician includes the diagnosis, and medical, mechanical, and surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot and ankle, and the writing of prescriptions in accordance with their training, VA policy, and State law.

6.03 PRIVILEGES

a. Fully licensed podiatric physicians who are permitted by law and the facility to provide patient care services independently, will be properly credentialed and privileged based on current VHA policies and procedures.

b. Increased professional duties within a VA medical center will be determined by individual competency consistent with all other physicians on the medical and clinical staff.