§ 3702. Special provisions. 1. Inpatient medical orders. A licensed physician assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital may, if permissible under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the hospital, write medical orders, including those for controlled substances and durable medical equipment, for inpatients under the care of the physician responsible for the supervision of such physician assistant. Countersignature of such orders may be required if deemed necessary and appropriate by the supervising physician or the hospital, but in no event shall countersignature be required prior to execution.

2. Withdrawing blood. A licensed physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner acting within his or her lawful scope of practice may supervise and direct the withdrawal of blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content therein under subparagraph one of paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section eleven hundred ninety-four of the vehicle and traffic law, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in clause (ii) of such subparagraph.

3. Prescriptions for controlled substances. A licensed physician assistant, in good faith and acting within his or her lawful scope of practice, and to the extent assigned by his or her supervising physician, may prescribe controlled substances as a practitioner under article thirty-three of this chapter, to patients under the care of such physician responsible for his or her supervision. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of education, may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.