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FOR PHYSICIANS WHO SUPERVISE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

BOARD CONTINUES TRAINING, OFFERS RESOURCES ON PA AGREEMENTS, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On January 1, 2018, the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) will begin enforcing new administrative rules that require physicians who supervise physician assistants to have a written agreement that defines the nature and extent of the supervision.

The rules also require a physician who supervises a physician assistant to notify the Board of the supervisory relationship within 60 days of the provision of initial supervision, and the physician will continue to report physician assistants under his/her supervision at the time of the physician's license renewal.

Since October 2, 2017, the Board has offered weekly online training sessions about the new rules and their requirements on the agreement and Board notification. Weekly training sessions will continue through the end of 2017:

Thursday, November 30 – 7 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5 – 7 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13 – 7 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 18 – 7 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 27 – 7 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m.

To participate in a one-hour session, click [HERE](#) then follow the instructions to install the Zoom conference software. **The session ID is 446 494 9038.** You can use your computer's speakers and microphone for communication or dial in with one of these telephone numbers: **(408) 638-0968, (646) 876-9923, (669) 900-6833.**

Background

The rules requiring a supervisory agreement and more prompt notification of a physician assistant supervisory relationship were adopted by the Board on July 21, 2017. The rules became effective September 20, 2017, but the Board determined to delay enforcement of the rules until January 1, 2018, to allow more time to implement the rulemaking, which was initiated on April 28, 2017.

The Board pursued the rulemaking to provide more guidance to physicians who supervise physician assistants. The rulemaking clarifies existing supervisory requirements and

establishes a written agreement to ensure that the supervisory requirements are discussed and understood by both the supervising physician and the physician assistant.

While the supervisory agreement does not have to be approved by the Board, the supervising physician is expected to maintain a copy and provide it to the Board upon request.

Resources

Click [HERE](#) to find helpful resources:

1. Iowa Administrative Code 653-21.3 and 21.4, which constitute the new notification and supervisory agreement requirements.
2. The Board's answers to frequently asked questions about the new rules.
3. Sample supervisory agreement
4. Board's online training schedule and training slides
5. State laws and rules concerning the requirements of physician assistant licensure, practice and supervision and the delegation of medical services

Reporting requirement

Under the new rules, a physician must report a new physician assistant supervisory relationship to the Board within 60 days of the provision of the initial supervision, and at the time of the supervising physician's license renewal.

1. To promptly report a new supervisory relationship with a physician assistant, click [HERE](#).
2. To report a physician assistant supervisory relationship at the time of your licensure renewal, follow instructions on the renewal application.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these new rules, please contact us:

- Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs, (515) 281-7088 or kent.nebel@iowa.gov
- Mark Bowden, Executive Director, (515) 242-3268 or mark.bowden@iowa.gov

I know we share an interest in Iowans receiving the best health care and I trust that you will become familiar with these new administrative rules to help achieve that goal.

Sincerely,



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