



RULE 4730-1-01: DEFINITIONS (APPLICABLE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RULES)

The physician assistant rules are being reviewed by the Medical Board for amendments needed for clarity and for language that is either unnecessary or conflicts with the provisions of statute enacted in Senate Bill 110 (Effective October 15, 2015).

With input from the Physician Assistant Policy Committee, the following amendments are proposed for Rule 4730-1-01: Definitions:

- Paragraph (A)(1): Delete the definition of “direct supervision.”
- Paragraph (A)(3): Delete the definition of “off-site supervision.”
- Paragraph (A)(4): Change the word “and” to “or.”
- Paragraph (A)(9) In two places strike “certificate to practice” and insert “license.”
- Paragraph (A)(12): Delete the definition of “special services plan.”
- Paragraph (B)(1): Delete the requirement that the physician be physically located within the state of Ohio.
- Paragraph (B)(2): Delete the definition of “routine diagnostic procedure.”

Because more than fifty percent of the current rule is being amended, the current rule will be rescinded and the “amended” language adopted as a new rule.

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Definitions.

(A) For purposes of agency 4730 of the Administrative Code:

~~(1) "Direct supervision" means that the supervising physician is physically present in the same room as the physician assistant, with the physician assistant in the actual sight of the supervising physician, when the physician assistant is performing the medical function, task, or service requiring direct supervision.~~

~~(2)~~(1) "On-site supervision" means the supervising physician is required to be physically present in the same location as the physician assistant, but does not require the supervising physician's physical presence in the same room.

~~(3) "Off-site supervision" means the supervising physician must be continually available for direct communication with the physician assistant by such means as telephone or other real-time electronic, active communication, and must be in a location that under normal conditions is not more than sixty minutes travel time from the physician assistant's practice location.~~

~~(4)~~(2) "Health care facility" means either of the following:

(a) A hospital registered with the department of health under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;

(b) A health care facility licensed by the department of health under section 3702.30 of the Revised Code.

~~(5)~~(3) "Office-based practice" means medical practice in a location other than a health care facility.

~~(6)~~(4) "Service" means a medical function, task, or activity which requires training in the diagnosis, treatment ~~and~~ or prevention of disease, including the use and administration of drugs.

~~(7)~~(5) "Board" means the state medical board of Ohio.

~~(8)~~(6) "Local anesthesia" means the injection of a drug or combination of drugs to stop or prevent a painful sensation in a circumscribed area of the body where a painful procedure is to be performed, and is limited to local infiltration anesthesia, digital blocks, and pudendal blocks. Local anesthesia does not include regional anesthesia or any systemic sedation.

~~(9)~~(7) "Medical order" means one or more diagnostic or treatment directives

generated by a physician or physician assistant that commands the execution of specific activities to be performed or delivered as part of a diagnostic or therapeutic regimen of a patient.

~~(10)~~(8) "CME" means continuing medical education.

~~(11)~~(9) "Licensure ~~registration~~ period" means the period between granting of the initial or renewed ~~certificate to practice~~ license and the next scheduled renewal date for the ~~certificate to practice~~ license.

~~(12)~~ "Special services plan" means the portion of a supervisory plan that lists services not specified in division (A) of section 4730.09 of the Revised Code, that is either submitted for board approval as a portion of a supervisory plan or as an addendum to a supervisory plan that was previously approved.

(B) For purposes of Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code:

- (1) ~~"Setting in which the supervising physician routinely practices" means a practice environment in which the supervising physician ordinarily provides medical services~~Being readily available to the physician assistant through some means of telecommunication and in a location that is a distance from the location where the physician assistant is practicing that reasonably allows the physician to assure proper care of patients" as used in section 4730.21 of the Revised Code means the physician is available to the physician assistant for direct communication via telephone or other real-time electronic, active communication.
- (2) ~~"Routine diagnostic procedure" means a diagnostic or therapeutic evaluation that is commonly performed, as indicated, within the scope of practice of the supervising physician.~~