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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RULES

Significant changes were made to the physician assistant practice act, Chapter 4730 of the Ohio Revised Code, in Senate Bill 110, effective October 15, 2015. As a result, the rules applicable to physician assistants must be reviewed for consistency with the new provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Medical Board, with the recommendation of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee, plans to amend those rules that are necessary to implement the Ohio Revised Code and rescind all rules that merely restate the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code or which are no longer required. The plan calls for guidance documents to be issued where appropriate instead of having rules that merely restate the Ohio Revised Code. Current guidance documents are available on the Medical Board's website at the following link:

<http://med.ohio.gov/PASB110Implementation.aspx>.

PAPC and the Medical Board have completed initial review of the following rules, and are seeking interested party comment through May 12, 2016:

- 4730-1-02 Physician assistant practice:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-1-03 Duties of a supervising physician:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-1-04 Supervision:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-1-06 Certificate to practice as a physician assistant:** Proposed to be amended
- Changes "certificate to practice" to "license;"
  - Strikes the reference to administrative hearings in paragraph (E) because the content of the paragraph merely recites what is in the Ohio Revised Code and is not needed to implement the Ohio Revised Code
  - New paragraph (E) references Rule 4731-6-35, OAC, for the processing of applications from service members, veterans, or spouses of service members or veterans;
  - New paragraph (G) describes how to obtain a valid prescriber number for a current licensee who does not have one;
  - New paragraph (J) sets continuing education requirements for renewal of a license with a valid prescriber number, and adds "American Academy of Physician Assistants," American Council on Pharmacy Education," and advanced instructional programs in pharmacology approved by the Ohio board of nursing pursuant to rule;
  - New paragraph (K) sets forth the mechanism for a physician assistant on active duty in any of the armed forces to apply for an extension of the continuing education period.
- 4730-1-07 Miscellaneous provisions:** Proposed to be amended
- Adds Rule 4731-11-04.1 and the rules in Chapters 4731-25 and 4731-29 to the rules applicable to physician assistants;
  - Changes "certificate to practice" to "license."
- 4730-2-03 Application for a provisional certificate to prescribe:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-3-01 Definitions** (related to criminal records checks): Proposed to be amended
- Amends language to current terminology.
- 4730-3-02 Criminal records checks:** Proposed to be amended
- Amends language to current terminology.

Please send comments no later than **May 12, 2016** to: [Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov](mailto:Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov)

4730-3-01

**Definitions.**

- (A) "Applicant for an ~~initial certificate to practice~~license" means a person seeking an initial ~~certificate~~ license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.
- (B) "Applicant for a restored ~~certificate to practice~~license" includes a person seeking restoration of a ~~certificate~~ license to practice pursuant to Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in division (E) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "BCI" means the "Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation."
- (E) "FBI" mean the "Federal Bureau of Investigation."