



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- 4730-1-02** **Physician assistant practice:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-1-03** **Duties of a supervising physician:** Proposed to be rescinded
- 4730-1-04** **Supervision:** Proposed to be rescinded
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- 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.
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- 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."
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- 4730-2-03** **Application for a provisional certificate to prescribe:** Proposed to be rescinded
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- 4730-3-01** **Definitions** (related to criminal records checks): Proposed to be amended
- Amends language to current terminology.
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- 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

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4730-2-03

Application for a provisional certificate to prescribeTO BE RESCINDED.

- (A) All applicants for a provisional certificate to prescribe shall file a written application under oath in compliance with section 4730.44 of the Revised Code.
- (B) No application shall be considered filed, and shall not be reviewed, until the fee required by section 4730.44 of the Revised Code has been received by the board.
- (C) An application shall be considered complete when all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The fee required pursuant to section 4730.44 of the Revised Code has been received by the board;
 - (2) The records of the board establish that the applicant holds a current, valid certificate to practice as a physician assistant in Ohio;
 - (3) The board has received documentation providing proof satisfactory to the board of the applicant having completed the education and training required pursuant to section 4730.46 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) The board has received documentation providing the name, address, license number, and supervision agreement of the supervising physician who will be primarily responsible for supervising the physician assistant during the provisional period; and
 - (5) The board is not conducting an investigation, pursuant to section 4730.26 of the Revised Code, of evidence appearing to show that the applicant has violated section 4730.25 of the Revised Code or applicable rules adopted by the board.
- (D) Applications shall be processed in compliance with the provisions of rule 4730-1-06 of the Administrative Code.