

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Eugene Imbrogno, M.D.; David Ballinger, PA-C.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Anquetette Sloan, Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; Kevin Mitchell, R.Ph.; and Debra Parker, Pharm.D.

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker and Sallie Debolt.

I. Review of the November 7, 2006 Minutes.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the November 7, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee as amended. Dr. Jonesco seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of Special Services Plans.

The committee considered the special services requests from Sunrays Cardiology that is requesting approval for their PA's to perform: treadmill stress echo, dobutamine stress echo and adenosine infusion studies. The committee noted that this application is asking approval of three procedures and needs to be separated into three different applications.

They stated that they did not understand the need for offsite supervision as a stress test is a scheduled procedure and that if the physician will not be available for onsite supervision the procedure could be rescheduled for a time when the physician is onsite. The application states in part III that there will be 75% onsite and 25% offsite supervision for all of these procedures, however in the narrative portion of the application they state that there will be 100% onsite supervision for these procedures. It was also noted that this application has very little didactic or clinical educational requirements included.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application and ask that it be resubmitted with a separate application for each procedure and that the supervising physician will provide 100% onsite supervision for each procedure as there is a high potential for complications for these procedures. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Discussion, Review and possible approval of Draft Rules

The committee discussed a letter received from the OAPA that expressed concern with the provisional period requirements for PA's that have been prescribing in another state. Ms. Debolt explained to the committee that she has done some

research regarding prescriptive authority in various states. What she discovered is that the laws regarding prescribing in other states are not uniform. What the PA may or may not have been able to do in other states they may or may not be able to here. She further stated that this Board would need to verify each states prescriptive authority and compare it to ours upon someone applying for prescriptive authority. It was also noted that not every state issues a separate certificate to prescribe. Some states allow PA's to prescribe under their regular license. Not all physicians will allow their PA's to prescribe whether they have a license or not and how do we verify that the physician has allowed his/her PA's to prescribe? Additionally, how do we verify that the PA's have had the same clinical training as required in Ohio?

Mr. O'Donnell informed the committee that ARC-PA accredited education qualifies PA's to prescribe in 49 other states and that this state should also consider this and use it as qualification. Ms. Hacker reminded the committee that there are PA's out there that came here after the Vietnam war and did not have any formal education. If the Board only accepts ARC-PA accredited education, that would make all of these individuals ineligible for prescriptive authority.

Ms. Debolt suggested that if you have a current certificate to prescribe in another state and have held it for a set amount of time then the Board could prorate the provisional period.

The members then recommended this change to 4730-02-04(C): The remaining hours of the provisional period may be conducted under offsite supervision, as that term is defined in rule 4730-01-01 of the Administrative Code, or the level of supervision specified by the supervising physician. With the consent of the supervising physician, physician assistants who have been granted physician delegated prescriptive authority in another jurisdiction may show proof of having met this requirement by providing an affidavit from their supervising physician licensed in that state that authorizes physician-delegated prescriptive authority for PA's stating that the PA has completed 1000 hours of supervised prescribing.

The members also wanted 4730-02-02(E)(5), to read: physician assistants who have been granted physician delegated prescriptive authority in another jurisdiction may show proof of having met this requirement by providing an affidavit from their supervising physician licensed in that state that authorizes physician-delegated prescriptive authority for PA's stating that the PA has met these requirements.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve these two rules as amended. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then reviewed 4730-01-08 and after a short discussion recommended that (B)(2) be removed as it no longer relates to the office based practice. Then they recommended adding language to (C)(9) to read: Whether the quality assurance system proposed presents sufficient opportunities for feedback to the physician assistant concerning the quality of the physician assistant's practice under the special

service plan, including the frequency of performance of a special service to ensure competency.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve 4730-01-08 as amended. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Review of the Ohio Board of Nursing Formulary.

The committee then moved on to discuss the formulary and recommended consolidating the categories into three as follows: “may prescribe”, “may not prescribe” and may prescribe after consultation or after physician initiation.

The committee decided that every member would receive a copy of the nursing formulary with the columns revised to indicate the new categories. Each member would review the drugs and indicate where they feel these medications should fall. Once they finish this they will send their completed copy to Ms. Hacker who will collate this information. At the next meeting the committee members will review the results and if everyone is in agreement on a certain type of medication no discussion is needed. The committee then could focus discussion on those medications that they don't seem to agree on where they belong.

Mr. Ballinger indicated that he had already converted the formulary into a word document that he could send to Ms. Hacker for her to disseminate to the rest of the committee.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday December 12, 2006.

I hereby attest that these are true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on December 12, 2006.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

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