

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:47 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

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

Staff members present: Kay Rieve, Cathy Hacker, Karry Thacker and Sallie Debolt.

I. Review of the April 10, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the April 10, 2007 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of special services applications

The committee discussed the special services addendum that was submitted by Sunrays Cardiology that is requesting approval of: non invasive cardiovascular studies to include treadmill stress echo studies.

The committee stated that they were unsure as to who would be performing the ultrasound portion of the echocardiogram and whether or not this person is required to have a license from the Ohio Department of Health as a radiographer. They also requested that a letter be sent to this group asking them to clarify if this test is done during the treadmill stress test or afterward.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending receipt of the above clarifications. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the special services addendum that was submitted by Sunrays Cardiology that is requesting approval of: treadmill stress testing.

Dr. Talmage noted that this procedure has been routinely approved with the same training education and supervision.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the special services addendum that was submitted by OSU Internal Medicine that is requesting approval of: cryotherapy.

Dr. Talmage requested that this group assure the Board that the physician will evaluate and approve the treatment and that this will not be performed on any mucocutaneous or malignant lesions.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application with the above information. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Review of comments from the April 2, 2007 Public Rules Hearing.

The committee discussed the comments received at the April 2, 2007 public hearing regarding the proposed PA rules. The committee made the following decisions regarding the rules proposed for Chapter 4730-1:

Rule 4730-1-01

The rule will be divided into two provisions, Roman numerals I and II, to reflect that some of the definitions are to define words or phrases used in the Revised Code but not used elsewhere in the Chapter 4730-1 rules.

1. Roman numeral I will read, "For purposes of Chapter 4730 of the Administrative Code:"
2. The provisions of Roman numeral I will be the current paragraphs (A) through (G), (I), and (K) through (M).
3. Amend paragraph (K) to read, "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.
4. Roman numeral II will read, "For purposes of Chapter 4730 of the Revised Code:"

5. The provisions of Roman numeral II will be the current paragraphs (H) and (J), and the language of those paragraphs will remain as currently drafted.

Mr. Ballinger moved to make the above amendments. Dr. Jonesco seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-02

Mr. Ballinger moved to keep the language of the proposed rule as currently drafted. Dr. Jonesco seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-03

Dr. Imbrogno moved to amend paragraph (C) by changing the word “shall” to “may,” and to retain all other wording as currently drafted. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-04

Dr. Imbrogno moved to retain the current wording of proposed Rule 4730-1-04, and to add a definition of “Special Services Plan” under Roman numeral I of proposed Rule 4730-1-01. The definition of Special Services Plan is to reflect that the term refers to the special services portion of a supervisory plan and the special services addendum to an approved special services plan. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-05

Dr. Imbrogno suggested that a paragraph (F) be added to read: “This provision allows and does not preclude multiple supervising physicians to assign the quality assurance process to one supervising physician.” It was the consensus of the committee that it is an onerous and daunting task for every supervising physician to complete quality assurance on every one of the PAs supervised.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to amend the rule by adding paragraph (F) as discussed above, but retain the current wording of the other provisions of Rule 4730-1-05. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-06

The committee requested that Board staff revise the language submitted by OAPA as paragraph (D) to be similar to the language in the Board's rules concerning physician licensure, the current paragraphs of the rule be re-lettered to reflect the addition of the new paragraph (D) suggested by OAPA, and the current paragraph (G) be revised to reflect similar language in the Board's rules concerning physician licensure.

Mr. Ballinger moved to amend the rule as follows:

1. Current paragraph (B) to read: "No application shall be considered filed until the fee required has been received by the board."
2. Current paragraph (E) to read: "All application materials submitted to the board will be thoroughly investigated. The board will contract individuals, agencies, or organizations for information about applicants as the board deems necessary. Applicants may be requested to appear before the board or a representative thereof as part of the application process to answer questions or provide additional information."
3. Current paragraph (I)(2) to read: "Except as provided in paragraph (I)(3) of this rule, a physician assistant shall have completed one hundred hours of CME during the licensure registration period."
4. Current paragraph (I)(3) to read: "If the certificate to practice is initially issued prior to the first day of the second year of a licensure registration period, an individual shall be required to earn fifty total hours; if the license is issued on or after the first day of the second year of a licensure registration period and prior to the first day of the eighteenth month of that licensure registration period, the licensee shall be required to earn twenty-five total hours; if the certificate to practice is issued on or after the first day of the eighteenth month of a licensure registration period, the licensee shall not be required to earn any hours of continuing medical education credits for that licensure registration period."

Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-07

Mr. Ballinger moved to keep Rule 4730-1-07 as currently drafted. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Rule 4730-1-08

Mr. Ballinger moved to amend Rule 4730-1-08 as follows:

1. Paragraph (B)(4) to read: “The criteria that will be used in granting authority for the specific service to be performed by the physician assistant and the quality assurance process that will be utilized to review the performance of that service;”
2. Paragraph (B)(6) to read: “The quality assurance process that will apply to the physician assistant in the performance of the special service;”
3. Paragraph (B)(7) to read: “The minimum number of procedures per year the physician assistant will be required to perform in order to maintain authority to perform the service;”
4. Paragraph (B)(10) to read: “Any peer reviewed articles on physician assistant or other ancillary personnel performance of the requested service and rate of complications, as applicable;”
5. Paragraph (C)(2) to read: “Whether the potential complications that may occur if the service is not performed properly will likely include life threatening consequences or the danger of immediate and serious harm to the patient;”
6. Paragraph (D) to read in total: “The approval of a special services plan may require the supervising physician to submit quarterly reports for one year following the date the service was approved by the board, including that the reports list the number of times each procedure was performed by the physician assistant and any complications that occurred.”

Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion passed.

The members agreed to review the comments pertaining to the proposed rules in Chapter 4730-02 at the June meeting.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:22 p.m. on Tuesday May 8, 2007.

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 May 8, 2007.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

Copies of documents and/or materials referenced in the minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting are available at the Board offices.