

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

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

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

I. Review of the May 8, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the May 8, 2007 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Legislative update.

Mr. Miller informed the committee that the Board is in the process of doing its five year rule review of Chapter 4731-21, O.R.C. Intractable Pain and that language had been added to include physician assistants in the definition of "practitioner." The committee indicated support of including physician assistants in this rule.

III. Review of Special Services plan applications.

The committee began the meeting by discussing the special services plan application from **Sunrays Cardiology** that is requesting approval for their physician assistants to perform treadmill stress echo studies. The committee recognized that this application had been tabled at the May meeting pending clarification on who would be performing the sonogram portion of this exam. Dr. Gaddam had sent a response assuring the committee that the PA would not be performing the sonogram.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve this application as amended. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the special services plan application from **Spectrum Orthopaedics** that is requesting approval for their physician assistants to perform application and removal of casts and splints and strapping of the upper and lower extremities.

Ms. Hacker informed the committee that this function was in the old law as part of the physician assistant's normal scope of practice and when the new law went into effect it was missing from 4730.09. She asked the committee if it would be possible to create a rule pursuant to 4730.09(A)(37), that could include this function as an approved function without the need of a special services application. The committee noted that this would be beneficial and that we should consider any other functions for that rule that would fit into this category.

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

IV. Review of revised proposed rules and comments from public rules hearing

The committee reviewed the changes that were made to the Chapter 1 rules at the last meeting.

4730-1-01:

Ms. Debolt informed the committee that she had changed the roman numerals to capital letters and the capital letters had been changed to numbers throughout this rule to be consistent with the other rules.

4730-1-08:

It was noted that in 4730-1-08(B)(5) that 4730-01-01 should read 4730-1-01.

The committee noted that Chapter one rules are complete.

The committee then moved on to discuss Chapter 2 of the proposed rules.

4730-2-02:

(A)(1): The word exercise physiology appears twice in this Rule and one should be removed; a master of medical sciences should be added to this rule.

(B)(2): The provision is to be amended to allow the attestation of the supervising physician who supervised the PA's practice or if the supervising physician is dead or incapacitated, an appropriate employer's representative may complete the attestation.

(E): Items 1 through 4 are to be included as subsets of a paragraph (1) concerning clinical training requirements and item (5) will become paragraph (2).

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the above amendments. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

4730-2-03:

The committee tabled this rule pending Rule 4730-1-06 being re-drafted.

4730-2-04:

(C): Reduce the minimum hours of the provisional period to 1000 hours from 1500 hours and change the minimum number of months to six instead of nine months.

(D)(2): add the words “at least” so that the provision reads: During the remainder of the provisional period, the review and evaluation shall be completed and documented in at least fifty percent of the patient charts by each supervising physician who provided supervision within a reasonable period of time after the physician assistant rendered service to a patient.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve the above amendments. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

4730-2-05

The committee tabled this rule pending Rule 4730-1-06 being re-drafted.

4730-2-07

(B)(3): Change to read “Rendering or confirming a diagnosis.” This will cover times when the PA needs to refill prescriptions for a diagnosis made by the supervising physician.

(F): Remove the following language from this rule as per the Pharmacy Board at the rules hearing. “and the name of the physician under whose name the physician assistant is authorized to write the prescription,”.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the above amendments. Dr. Talmage seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

4730-2-09:

(B)(6): change the second use of the word “charge” to “fee”.

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

The committee discussed the concerns raised by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation at the rules hearing regarding the paperwork that it takes to add a physician or a new physician assistant to the supervision agreement due to the signature requirement. It was noted that the signature of the physician and the physician assistant is statutorily required and that perhaps sometime in the future a change to the statute could be explored.

V. Discussion of the draft physician assistant formulary.

The discussion of the draft physician assistant formulary began at Section 7, "Diagnostic Aids". The committee decided that these items are approved in 4730.09(A)(3), Ohio Revised Code as functions that are part of the physician assistants normal scope of practice and do not require formulary approval. After a short discussion regarding the complications regarding the use of Accutane and it was decided to put this drug in the may not prescribe category.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the formulary. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The Committee noted that this concludes the formulary discussion with the exception of the cover letter that will give users guidance in using the formulary. They requested that Ms. Debolt write this document and bring it to them for consideration at the next meeting.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:22 p.m. on Tuesday June 12, 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 June 12, 2007.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

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