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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Rule No. 540-X-7-.25

Rule Title: Functions and Activities of a Physician Assistant

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?

 YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?

 YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?

 NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?

 NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?

 NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?

 YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer C. J. Dormer

Date: March 22, 2018

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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-7-.25, Functions and Activities of a Physician Assistant
INTENDED ACTION: To amend the Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to remove sections that refer to activities not specifically listed on the Job Description being prohibited

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Patricia E. Shaner, General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including June 4, 2018. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule and submit data, views, or comments or arguments orally should contact Carla H. Kruger, by telephone (334-242-4116) during said period in order to set up an appointment for a hearing respecting such oral data, views, or arguments. Additionally, proposed rules are posted to the Board's web site, www.albme.org.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: June 4, 2018

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger



Amy T. Dorniney, Board Secretary

540-X-7-.25 Functions and Activities of a Physician Assistant (P. A.).

(1) There shall be at all times a direct continuing and close supervisory relationship between the physician assistant and the physician to whom that assistant is registered. The supervising physician shall at all times be responsible for the activities of the physician assistant.

(2) The physician assistant shall provide medical services within the education, training, and experience of the physician assistant that are delegated by the supervising physician. These services include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Obtaining patient histories and performing physical examinations;
- (b) Ordering and/or performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures;
- (c) Formulating a working diagnosis;
- (d) Developing and implementing a treatment plan;
- (e) Monitoring the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions;
- (f) Assisting at surgery;
- (g) Offering counseling and education to meet patient needs; and
- (h) Making appropriate referrals.

(3) The job description in the form specified in Appendix B to Chapter 7 is approved by the Board as a model job description which shall be acceptable to the Board if submitted by a qualified applicant for registration in compliance with these rules.

~~(4) A physician assistant is prohibited from performing any medical service, procedure, function, or activity which is not specifically listed, in detail, in the job description approved by the Board.~~

(54) Requests for changes in the job description of the assistant, including addition of specialized duties and tasks, shall be submitted, in writing, by the supervising physician to the Board for prior approval.

(65) Should the supervising physician contemplate a request for additional duties for the assistant for addition to the assistant's Job Description, a written request shall be submitted to and approved by the Board prior to any additional duty or procedure being performed by the assistant.

(76) When any addition of a duty or procedure to the assistant's Job Description is contemplated, a written request for training of the assistant in the duty or procedure shall be submitted to and approved by the Board prior to the assistant actually receiving any training in the duty or procedure.

(87) In the event of a national emergency duly declared by Federal officials or in the event of a natural disaster or state emergency duly declared by the Governor, a physician assistant may provide emergency medical treatment without immediate physician supervision or direction to patients within the affected areas of the state, provided that the treatment is within the scope of the assistant's education, training and approved job description. The physician assistant in such circumstance shall make reasonable efforts to inform his supervising physician of the location and type of emergency medical services being provided and shall act in conformance with the direction of local medical supervisors. The authority granted under this paragraph shall extend only for the duration of the declared national emergency or state emergency or natural disaster.

(98) A physician assistant may write admission orders for inpatients and

nursing home patients as directed by the supervising physician and subsequent orders in accordance with established guidelines and institutional policies.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: *Code of Alabama* §§34-24-290, *et. seq*

History: Filed as an Emergency Rule: July 7, 1998. (Revision of Rules 540-X-7-.01 through 540-X-43 by deleting and replacing with new Rules 540-X-7-.01 through 540-X-7-.32; remaining Rules 540-X-7-.44 through 540-X-7-.62 were renumbered). Adopted: September 16, 1998. Effective Date: October 22, 1998. Repealed and Replaced: Approved June 6, 2002. Effective Date: October 24, 2002. Amended: September 15, 2004. Effective date: December 24, 2004. Amended/Approved: September 10, 2008. Effective Date: December 26, 2008. Amended/approved: March 21, 2018.