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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-.27, Prohibited Activities and Functions - Physician Assistant s (P. A.)

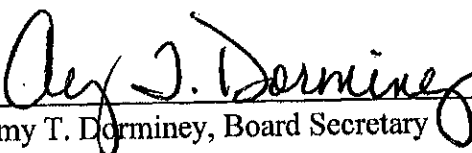
**INTENDED ACTION:** To amend the Rule

**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](http://www.albme.org).

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

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Carla H. Kruger

  
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Amy T. Dorminey, Board Secretary

540-X-7-.27 Prohibited Activities and Functions - Physician Assistants (P.A.).

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician assistant may perform medical service when such services are rendered under the supervision of a licensed physician or physicians approved by the Board; except that no medical services may be performed except under the supervision of an ophthalmologist in the office in which such physician normally actually practices his profession and nowhere else in any of the following areas:

(a) The measurement of the powers or range of human vision or the determination of the accommodation and refractive state of the human eye or the scope of its functions in general or the fitting or adaptation of lenses or frames for the aid thereof.

(b) The prescribing or directing the use of or using any optical device in connection with ocular exercises, visual training or orthoptics.

(c) The prescribing of contact lenses for or the fitting or adaptation of contact lenses to the human eye. Nothing in this section shall preclude the performance of routine visual screening.

~~(2) Any medical service, procedure, activity or function not specifically enumerated in the job description approved by the Board is prohibited.~~

~~(32)~~ There shall be no practice by a physician assistant who is not licensed and registered by the Board.

~~(43)~~ There shall be no independent practice by a physician assistant who is licensed and/or registered by the Board.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

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

**History:** Repealed and Replaced: Filed September 21, 1998; effective October 26, 1998. Repealed and Replaced: Approved June 6, 2002. Effective Date: October 24, 2002. Amended/approved: March 21, 2018.