



The updated [Board of Medical Practice Administrative Rules](#) are effective July 1, 2022. The changes incorporate laws made in three bills passed in 2020: Act 123 on physician assistant licensure and regulation; Act 126, which was a broad update to the Board of Medical Practice law; and Act 152, a law creating several new provisions applicable to many Vermont licensed professions. Highlights include:

## Revision to the Physician and Physician Assistant Supervision Relationship

- There are no longer primary and secondary supervising physicians, but instead a single “participating physician.”
- The delegation agreements that PAs needed to enter with supervisors have been replaced with “practice agreements.”
- PAs and the physicians who act as participating physicians need to be up to date on all the new protocols.

## New Provisions for all Medical Professions

- Special licensing provisions for spouses of military members who are assigned to Vermont.
- Special fee provisions for military members whose home of record is Vermont or who are assigned to Vermont.
- An opportunity for individuals to apply for and receive a determination as to whether their criminal history would be disqualifying before applying for licensure.

## Rules Regarding Remote Hearings

- The temporary Emergency Administrative Rules for Remote Hearings enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic have been incorporated into the Board’s standing Rule, but with some modification.
- The hearing rules no longer mandate all hearings to be held remotely and now give the Board the option to hold some, or all, of a hearing using remote technology.

## Non-Disciplinary Financial Penalties

The Board now has the option to offer licensees the opportunity to avoid investigation of matters that are of an administrative nature by agreeing to pay a non-disciplinary financial penalty.