

March 30, 2020

ORDER Regarding Physician Assistant Documentation Requirements During COVID-19 Emergency

The Vermont Board of Medical Practice and the Executive Director have been granted authority to waive the requirements for documentation of a physician assistant's supervisory relationship with a physician during the declared emergency for COVID-19. This is to announce a waiver of the requirement to submit physician assistant documentation for all new physician assistant practice sites and for all changes to supervision or scope of practice at an established practice site that normally would trigger a requirement for revised documentation, as specified herein.

Scope:

This waiver does not suspend existing supervision agreements that are filed with the Board and that continue to accurately describe the physician assistant's practice and supervisory relationships.

This waiver applies to all situations in which new documentation for supervision would need to be filed. Documentation that does not need to be filed with the Board also need not be created.

This waiver covers physician assistants getting a license who normally would be required to submit a Delegation Agreement under Section 24.1.9 of the Board Rules, whether applying through the normal licensing process, applying for an emergency temporary license, or practicing through deemed status as allowed for the COVID-19 declared emergency.

This waiver also applies to current licensees who have changes in employment, supervision, or practice site that would normally trigger a requirement for new documentation under Section 26.0 of the Board Rules.

This waiver extends to the Delegation Agreement, the Employment Contract form, and any Secondary Supervisor forms.

This waiver applies to practice whether performed by a licensee located in Vermont, or a licensee located in another state using electronic communication to treat patients located in Vermont.



This waiver applies only to practice with a licensed facility, FQHC, multi-provider practice, or other established multi-provider clinic. It cannot be used to establish a solo, independent practice

Duration: This waiver is effective on March 30, 2020. It will remain in effect so long as the declared emergency for COVID-19 is in place, unless sooner revised or revoked. Physician assistants will need to have current documentation filed with the Board in order to continue to practice at an undocumented site or with a new supervisor past the end of the declared emergency, or revocation of this waiver, whichever occurs first.

Questions about physician assistant supervision requirements and this waiver can be submitted via email to AHS.VDHMedicalBoard@vermont.gov.

FOR THE BOARD

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