

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

Committee members present: Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; John Jonesco, D.O.; Eugene Imbrogno, M.D.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; and Anquetette Sloan.

Staff members present: Diann Thompson, Kay Rieve, Michael Miller, Sallie Debolt, and Cathy Hacker.

*I. Review of the March 7, 2006 Minutes.*

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the March 7, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

*II. Review of supplemental utilization plans*

The committee began the meeting by discussing the supplemental utilization plan application from **Vascular & Endovascular Specialists of Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: Laser spider vein ablation.

The committee noted that this procedure is prohibited by the light based medical device rule 4731-18-02(B).

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this procedure for the reason stated. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Columbus Cardiology Consultants** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: noninvasive cardiovascular studies.

The committee noted that this procedure had been approved in the past with the same or similar training and education.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All member voted aye. The motion carried.

## ***II. Discussion of new legislation.***

Dr. Imbrogno stated that he has visited the Board's website and was unable to determine from the information listed there how to begin the process of hiring a physician assistant. He suggested restructuring the site to give an outline of what a physician needs to do in order to hire a physician assistant. Ms. Rieve stated that the Board is now in the process of revamping the site and that his suggestions could be implemented at that time. Dr. Imbrogno suggested that it include: What to do to employ a physician assistant, what to do to add a physician assistant to an existing plan, what to do to add a physician to an existing plan, what to do to add additional responsibilities to an existing plan and how to terminate supervision agreements.

The committee discussed the quality assurance portion of the legislation and suggested making a rule to appoint one supervisor per group practice to serve as the physician who performs the quality assurance and define in rule what is the regular review of the physician assistants activities and the of the number of cases to be reviewed during that time. The committee noted that this could be dependent on how long the physician and physician assistant have been practicing together and the type of practice setting. The committee noted that a physician assistant new to the practice would require more quality assurance than one that the physician has been working with for awhile. The committee suggested notifying all supervising physicians regarding rule changes.

## ***III. Discussion of draft applications***

The committee then discussed the draft applications for the supervision agreement and the physician supervisory plan.

Mrs. Sloan noted that the instructions on the supervisory plan application were not clear. She stated that they needed to reflect step by step instructions on how to complete the application and what should be submitted to be in compliance with the new laws, regardless of whether the physician and physician assistants are practicing in a health care facility or office setting.

It was recommended that we add an introductory statement describing what a supervisory plan and what a supervision agreement are, and what they do. The committee noted that the content of the draft applications are compliant with the requirements of the new statute. The committee discussed the need of adding a physician assistant to an already approved supervision agreement and the paperwork it would create for the physicians staff and the medical board's staff if the physician would need to sign each supervision agreement every time that the physician hired a new physician assistant. The committee recommended creating an addendum to the supervision agreement application similar to the supervision agreement that we currently use, so that the newly hired physician assistant would sign the application and it would be accompanied by a letter from the physician's designated agent for service. The letter would state that the physician would like to supervise this new

physician assistant. This would alleviate the need for the physicians' to be tracked down to sign the supervision agreement each time that a new physician assistant is hired.

The committee also noted that the new statute no longer requires written notification of approval of the supervisory plan and the supervision agreement be sent to the physicians. The committee recommended that the Board staff send notices to all physicians letting them know that we will no longer be mailing approval letters, and that they may now verify approval on the internet.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m. on Tuesday April 11, 2006.

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 April 11, 2006.

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Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C  
Chair

Copies of documents and/or materials referenced in the minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting are available at the Board offices.