

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:36 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; Debra Parker, Pharm. D.; David Ballinger, PA-C.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Anquetette Sloan, Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; and Kevin Mitchell, R. Ph.

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

***II. Review of the August 8, 2006 Minutes.***

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the August 8, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

***III. Discussion & Review draft rules***

The committee discussed and recommended the following changes to the draft physician assistant rules.

Amend 4730-01-01(C) to read: “real time electronic communication (ie.. cell phone or an e-mail as in a chat room or instant message)” where there is live active communication.

Amend 4730-01-01(E) to read: “Office based practice” means medical practice in other than a health care facility.

Amend 4730-01-01(H) to read: “Setting in which the supervising physician routinely practices” means a setting in which the supervising physician provides medical services.

Amend 4730-01-01(J) to read: “Routine diagnostic procedure” means a diagnostic or therapeutic evaluation that is relevant to the physician’s practice.

The committee wanted to remove the word independently from 4730-01-02(B)(1)(d) because it gives the impression that the PA can independently order or direct the execution of procedures etc... the committee noted that you need to read 4730-01-02(B)(1) to fully understand this rule. It was also noted that the word independently is in the statute and therefore needs to be in this rule. It was suggested to amend this to reflect independently order or direct the execution of procedures pursuant to 4730-01-02(B)(1).

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After much discussion the committee recommended the following amendments to the draft rules:

Amend 4730-01-02(3)(b) to read administer, monitor or maintain any form of anesthesia except for local anesthesia;

Amend 4730-01-02(3)(c) to read engage in the practice of optometry , except to the extent of authorization to perform routine visual screening, provide medical care prior to or following eye surgery, or assist in the care of diseases of the eye;

Amend 4730-01-02(3)(d) order or direct the execution of procedures or techniques by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in the care and treatment of a person in any setting, unless authorized to do so by the board-approved physician supervisory plan or the policies of the health care facility in which the physician assistant is practicing

Amend 4730-01-05(A) to read: a supervising physician shall develop a quality assurance system under which the physician assistant's performance will be assessed.

Amend 4730-01-05(B) to read: the quality assurance system shall describe the process to be used twice a year for the first year and then annually thereafter.

Amend 4730-01-05(B) to read: The Quality assurance system shall describe the process to be used every quarter for the first year and then annually thereafter for all of the following:

Amend 4730-01-05(B)(1) to read: review by the physician of selected patient record entries made by the physician assistant and selected medical orders issued by the physician assistant, to include at a minimum, all of the following:

Amend 4730-01-05(C) to read: each supervising physician and physician assistant shall keep record of their quality assurance activities for a minimum of seven years, and shall be made available to the board and any health care professional working with the supervising physician and physician assistant.

The committee discussed the licensure status of physician assistants that have lost their NCCPA certification. The committee noted that PA's who do not hold current

NCCPA certification should lose their Ohio licensure. However, it was noted that the Board did not have the authority at this time to suspend the license.

Amend 4370-02-01(G) to define a clinical contact/credit hours as equivalent to sixty minutes.

Amend 4730-02-02(A)(1) to reflect: physician assistant studies, athletic training, exercise physiology and psychology as acceptable courses of study.

Amend 4730-02-02(B)(2) to read: the supervising physician will sign an attestation that the physician assistant was engaged in the **clinical** practice of medicine during their employment.

Amend 4730-02-02(C)(1)(a) to read: an ARC-PA accredited physician assistant program or an ARC-PA program.

Amend 4730-02-02(D), (E) & (F) to refer to the applicable rule instead of referring to the Statute.

Amend 4730-02-02(F)(1) to read: The clinical training is conducted under the onsite supervision and direction of a supervising physician.

Amend 4730-02-02(F)(2) to read: The clinical training requires the physician assistant to apply pharmacologic principles and precepts in prescribing for a variety of medical conditions.

Amend 4730-02-03(A) to read: all applicants for a provisional certificate to prescribe shall file a written application under notarized attestation on the forms prescribed by the board and provide such other facts and materials as the board requires.

Amend 4730-02-03(B) change "beyond...period" to no longer that one additional year.

Amend 4730-02-04(D)(1) During the remainder of the provisional period, the review and evaluation shall be completed and documented within a reasonable amount of time.

Amend 4730-02-04(D)(2) During the remainder of the provisional period, the review and evaluation shall be completed and documented within a reasonable amount of time.

Amend 4730-02-05(H)(2) to capitalize the names of the associations.

Amend 4730-02-05(I)(2) to read the applicant submits a completed certificate to prescribe application, on a form prescribed by the board, to reinstate the certificate to prescribe.

The committee recognized the need to write a rule that would give an exception to individuals that are serving in the military and may miss the 2 year grandfathering window.

- IV.** The committee then reviewed the changes that were made last month to 4730-01-03 and 4730-01-04. They noted that these rules were ready to move to the Boards physician assistant committee for their recommendations.

Dr. Jonesco moved to approve 4730-01-03 and 4730-01-04 as written. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

**V. *Miscellaneous Topics of Discussion***

Ms. Rieve informed the committee that the staff is working on the renewal application for the supervision agreements and that we are hoping to have them mailed by the middle of October 2006.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m. on Tuesday September 12, 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 September 12, 2006.

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Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C  
Chair

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