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Period of on-site supervision of physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(A) The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

- (1) "Supervision" means the supervising physician maintains oversight of the physician assistant's prescriptive decisions and provides timely review of prescriptions written by the physician assistant.
- (2) "On-site supervision" means the supervising physician is required to be physically present within the facility where the physician assistant is practicing and available for consultation. The supervising physician is not necessarily required to personally evaluate a patient to whom a physician assistant is providing service.
- (3) "Supervising physician" includes a primary supervising physician in instances where the physician assistant has supervision agreements with multiple supervising physicians and one supervising physician is designated to have primary responsibility for the supervision of the physician assistant's prescribing activities during the on-site supervision period.

(B) Except as provided in division (B) of section 4730.44 of the Revised Code, the first five hundred hours of a physician assistant's exercise of physician-delegated prescriptive authority shall be under the on-site supervision of a supervising physician with whom the physician assistant has a supervision agreement.

- (1) The supervising physician shall review and evaluate the physician assistant's competence, knowledge, and skill in pharmacokinetic principles and the application of these principles to the physician assistant's area of practice. The supervising physician shall document the review and evaluation by signing patient charts in a legible manner or documenting the review and evaluation by the use of an electronically generated signature provided that reasonable measures have been taken to prevent the unauthorized use of the electronically generated signature.
- (2) The supervising physician shall maintain a record evidencing that the physician assistant has completed at least five hundred hours of on-site supervision and make the record available to the board upon request.

(C) On-site supervision period hours completed may be transferred to an on-site supervision period under a subsequent supervising physician pursuant to the following criteria:

- (1) Hours completed may be transferred, not more than one time, when both of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) The initial supervising physician provides written verification of the activities and number of hours successfully completed by the physician assistant during the period ; and
 - (b) The subsequent supervising physician approves the transfer of the period hours.
- (2) Hours completed under the supervision of the subsequent supervising physician may be transferred to an on-site supervision period under a third supervising physician only upon the board's approval when all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The subsequent supervising physician provides both of the following:
 - (i) Written verification of the activities and number of hours successfully completed during the period to date; and
 - (ii) Written explanation of why the transfer of hours is being requested;
 - (b) The third supervising physician approves the transfer of the hours;
 - (c) The failure to transfer the hours would result in undue hardship to the physician assistant; and
 - (d) The granting of the transfer would not jeopardize patient care.
- (D) Where the exemption of division (B) of section 4730.44 of the Revised Code is claimed, the supervising physician shall maintain documentation establishing that the physician assistant practiced with prescriptive authority in the other jurisdiction for not less than one thousand hours. The documentation may include a letter from one or more physicians who supervised the physician assistant's prescribing in that jurisdiction verifying that the physician assistant practiced with prescriptive authority in that jurisdiction for not less than one thousand hours or a letter from an appropriate facility administrator verifying that the physician assistant practiced with prescriptive authority for not less than one thousand hours based upon documentation in the physician assistant's personnel file.

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