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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12, Appendix A  
Rule Title: Application for Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for Physician Assistant

       New        Amend   X   Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

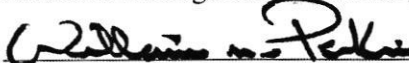
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date: October 20, 2022

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12, Appendix A, Application for Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for Physician Assistant

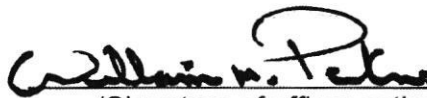
INTENDED ACTION: Repeal the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Application form is repealed.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: December 5, 2022

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger

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to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

## REPEAL

540-X-12 Appendix A

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

P. O. Box 946 – Montgomery, Alabama 36101 • 848 Washington Avenue – 36104

Application for Qualified Controlled Substances Registration, Certificate for Physician Assistant

Under Alabama law, this document is a public record and will be provided upon request.

The cost for the initial QACSC received is \$110.00; each additional QACSC is \$60.00  
The annual renewal fee for this certificate is \$60.00

Supervising Physician Name  
Supervising Physician Specialty  
Supervising Physician License number  
RA Number

Physician Assistant Name  
Physician Assistant License Number  
Primary Practice Address

All applicants must answer the following questions. If the answer to question A, B, C, D or E is yes, the applicant must provide a complete explanation detailing all facts and circumstances.

- A. Has your privilege for dispensing or prescribing controlled substances ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation or disciplined in any manner in any state?
- B. Have you ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance?
- C. Has your Federal DEA registration ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation?
- D. Have your staff privileges at any hospitals ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances?
- E. Are you currently\* engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or received any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues? (If you are an anonymous participant in the Alabama Physician Health Program and are in compliance with your contract, you may answer "No" to this

question, such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners)

\*The term "currently" does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a physician assistant within the last two years.

IMPORTANT: The Board recognizes that licensees encounter health conditions, including those involving mental health and substance use disorders, just as their patients and other health care providers do. The Board expects its licensees to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Physician Health Program (334-954-2596), a physician advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of medical professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the licensee is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the license to practice as a Physician Assistant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please initial certifying that you understand and acknowledge your duty as a licensee to address any such condition as stated above.

F. Have you completed one year of clinical employment as a Physician Assistant in a Registration Agreement in Alabama?

You answered no, you do not qualify for a QACSC and should not complete this application.

G. Have you completed a board-approved pharmacology of controlled substances course or courses? (This must include documentation of successful completion of twelve (12) hours of Category I credits including "Prescribing Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls," a Board-approved course that includes advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances. The (12) hour course must have been completed in the preceding 12 months for initial QACSC applicants. Starting with this 12-hour initial course, the Physician Assistant must obtain (every two (2) years) four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 credits or equivalent through a board-approved course or courses that include advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends related to controlled substances.)

You answered no, you do not qualify for a QACSC and should not complete this application.

You answered yes, upload documentation of completion.



Name of board approved course

Date course taken

Number of Hours obtained

Upload documentation

I have not received documentation from the board approved course or courses.

NOTICE: To lawfully administer or prescribe controlled substances in the State of Alabama, federal and state statutes require a DEA certificate of registration and a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate registration. For further information concerning federal requirements, go to [www.deadiversion.doj.gov](http://www.deadiversion.doj.gov). You will apply for your DEA once the QACSC is issued.

I understand and agree that by typing my name, I am providing an electronic signature that has the same legal effect as a written signature pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 8-1A-2 and 8-1A-7. I attest that the foregoing information has been provided by me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that knowingly providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners could result in disciplinary actions. Section 20-2-54, **Code of Alabama** 1975 (as amended) states that a registration may be suspended or revoked by the board upon finding that the registrant has furnished false or fraudulent material or information in any application.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: Ala. Code § 20-2-69

History: Amended/Approved: May 17, 2017. Effective date: September 5, 2017.

Amended/Approved: November 16, 2017. Amended filed: February 27, 2018.

Effective Date: April 13, 2018. Amended/Approved: June 20, 2018. Certified Filed: August 22, 2018. Effective Date: October 8, 2018.

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
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Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12, Appendix B  
Rule Title: Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for Physician Assistants Renewal

         New          Amend     X     Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?         NO        

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?         YES        

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?         NO        

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?         NO        

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?         NO        

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?         YES        

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?         NO        

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?         NO        

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer William M. Peltier

Date: October 20, 2022

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12, Appendix B, Qualified Controlled Substances  
Registration Certificate for Physician Assistants Renewal

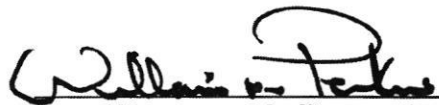
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TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: December 5, 2022

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger

  
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rules or his or her deputy)

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540-X-12, Appendix B

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**Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for Physician Assistants  
Renewal**

**Deadline: December 31, 20XX**

WARNING: Section 20-2-64, Code Of Alabama 1975 (as amended) states that a registration may be suspended or revoked by the Board upon a finding that the registrant has furnished false or fraudulent material information in any application.

Under Alabama law, this document is a public record and will be provided upon request.

Answer yes or no to the following questions. If any answer is "yes," please provide a detailed explanation.

- A. Has your privilege for dispensing or prescribing controlled substances ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation or disciplined in any manner in any state?
- B. Have you ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance?
- C. Has your Federal DEA registration ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation?
- D. Have your staff privileges at any hospitals ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances?
- E. Since you last renewed have you engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or received any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues? (If you are an anonymous participant in the Alabama Physician Health Program and are in compliance with your contract, you may answer "No" to this question, such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners)  
If you answer "Yes", then a description is required.

IMPORTANT: The Board recognizes that licensees encounter health conditions, including those involving mental health and substance use disorders, just as their patients and other health care providers do. The Board expects its licensees to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Physician Health Program (334-954-2596), a physician advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of medical professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the licensee is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the license to practice as a physician assistant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please initial certifying that you understand and acknowledge your duty as a licensee to address any such condition as stated above.

- F. Do you have a current registration to access the Alabama Prescription Drug Monitoring Database Program (PDMP)?

- G. Do you have a current registration issued by the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration?

Please provide your Primary DEA number and expiration date.

DEA Number

DEA Expiration Date

NOTICE: A current registration to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Database and a current registration issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration are required before renewing a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate. For further information concerning DEA registration, contact DEA, (800) 882-9539. For further information concerning the prescription database, contact the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, (855) 925-4767.

- H. I certify that I have met the requirement to obtain, within the past two years, four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or equivalent through a Board approved course or courses regarding the prescribing of controlled substances.

Name of course taken

Date course was taken

Upload documentation

I understand and agree that by typing my name, I am providing an electronic signature that has the same legal effect as a written signature pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 8-1A-2 and 8-1A-7. I attest that the foregoing information has been provided by me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

[Name and address prints here]

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Authority: Ala. Code § 20-2-50 and 20-2-69

History: Amended/Approved: May 17, 2017. Effective date: September 5, 2017. Amended/Approved: November 16, 2017. Effective Date: April 13, 2018.

# TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12, Appendix C, Application for Additional Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for Physician Assistant

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Application form is repealed.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

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CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger

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540-X-12 Appendix C

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

P. O. Box 946 – Montgomery, Alabama 36101 • 848 Washington Avenue – 36104

Application for Additional Qualified Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for  
Physician Assistant

Under Alabama law, this document is a public record and will be provided upon request.

The cost for the initial QACSC received is \$110.00; each additional QACSC is \$60.00

The annual renewal fee for this certificate is \$60.00

Supervising Physician Name

Supervising Physician Specialty

Supervising Physician License number

RA Number

Physician Assistant Name

Physician Assistant License Number

Primary Practice Address

All applicants must answer the following questions. If the answer to question A, B, C, D or E is yes, the applicant must provide a complete explanation detailing all facts and circumstances.

- A. Has your privilege for dispensing or prescribing controlled substances ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation or disciplined in any manner in any state?
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- C. Has your Federal DEA registration ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation?
- D. Have your staff privileges at any hospitals ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances?
- E. Are you currently\* engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or received any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues? (If you are an anonymous participant in the Alabama Physician Health Program and are in compliance with your contract, you may answer "No" to this question, such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners)

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ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Physician Health Program (334-954-2596), a physician advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of medical professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the licensee is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the license to practice as a Physician Assistant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please initial certifying that you understand and acknowledge your duty as a licensee to address any such condition as stated above.

- F. Have you completed one year of clinical employment as a Physician Assistant in a Registration Agreement in Alabama?

You answered no, you do not qualify for a QACSC and should not complete this application.

- G. Have you completed a board-approved pharmacology of controlled substances course or courses? (This must include documentation of successful completion of twelve (12) hours of Category I credits including "Prescribing Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls," a Board-approved course that includes advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances. The (12) hour course must have been completed in the preceding 12 months for initial QACSC applicants. Starting with this 12-hour initial course, the Physician Assistant must obtain (every two (2) years) four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 credits or equivalent through a board-approved course or courses that include advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends related to controlled substances.)

You answered no, you do not qualify for a QACSC and should not complete this application.

You answered yes, upload documentation of completion.

Name of board approved course

Date course taken

Number of Hours obtained

Upload documentation

I have not received documentation from the board approved course or courses.

NOTICE: To lawfully administer or prescribe controlled substances in the State of Alabama, federal and state statutes require a DEA certificate of registration and a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate registration. For further information concerning federal requirements, go to [www.deadiversion.doj.gov](http://www.deadiversion.doj.gov). You will apply for your DEA once the QACSC is issued.

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I understand that knowingly providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners could result in disciplinary actions. Section 20-2-54, **Code of Alabama** 1975 (as amended) states that a registration may be suspended or revoked by the board upon finding that the registrant has furnished false or fraudulent material or information in any application.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: Ala. Code § 20-2-69

History: New Rule Approved: December 13, 2017. New rule filed: February 27, 2018. Effective Date: April 13, 2018. Amended/Approved: June 20, 2018. Certified Filed: August 22, 2018. Effective Date: October 8, 2018.

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.02  
Rule Title: General Requirements

       New    X    Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?                     NO                    

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?                     YES                    

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?                     NO                    

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?                     NO                    

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?                     NO                    

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?                     YES                    

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?                     NO                    

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?                     NO                    

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer William A. Perkins

Date: October 20, 2022

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LEGISLATIVE DIVISION

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.02, General Requirements


INTENDED ACTION: Amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Amend the rule to require a copy of the Drug Enforcement Administration registration be provided to the Board of Medical Examiners.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: December 5, 2022

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger

  
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540-X-12-.02 General Requirements.

(1) The Board is the certifying board which may issue or deny a QACSC to an assistant to physician.

(2) Beginning the calendar year 2010, QACSCs may be issued by the Board to Physician Assistants (P.A.s).

(3) Although the Board recognizes two categories of assistants to physicians, only a person licensed and registered by the Board as a Physician Assistant (P.A.) may be issued a QACSC.

(4) A P.A. who prescribes, administers, or authorizes for administration ~~or dispenses~~ any controlled substance within Alabama or who proposes to engage in the prescribing, administering, or authorizing for administration ~~or dispensing~~ of any controlled substance within Alabama shall obtain, annually, a QACSC for each registration of the P.A. by the Board to perform medical services under the supervision of a physician.

(5) A P.A. who prescribes, administers, or authorizes for administration ~~or dispenses~~, or who proposes to engage in the prescribing, administering, or authorizing for administration ~~or dispensing~~ of any controlled substance within Alabama shall obtain the appropriate registration or registrations issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. A P.A. who applies for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate shall provide the Board with the DEA registration number authorizing his or her prescribing of controlled substances in Alabama at the time of application, or, if no such registration has been issued, shall provide the Board with the DEA registration number as soon as it is issued. Each P.A. who is issued a Qualified

Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate shall provide a copy of the DEA registration certificate to the Board immediately upon renewal of the registration.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*, Act 2009-489

**History:** Approved for publication: November 18, 2009. Effective Date: March 24, 2010.



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Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.03  
Rule Title: Requirements for the Issuance of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

         New     X     Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?         NO        

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?         YES        

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?         NO        

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?         NO        

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?         NO        

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?         YES        

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?         NO        

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Signature of certifying officer William R. Parks

Date: October 20, 2022

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.03, Requirements for the Issuance of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

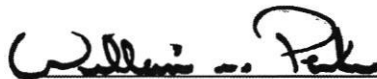
INTENDED ACTION: Amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Amend the rule to more generally describe the courses of education required for an application for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

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540-X-12-.03 Requirements for the Issuance of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC).

To qualify for a QACSC, an individual must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a Physician Assistant (P.A.) who holds a current and unrestricted license issued by the Board and who is registered by the Board to perform medical services under the supervision of a physician who holds and maintains a valid, current and unrestricted Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (ACSC);

(2) Be a P.A. who is practicing with appropriate physician supervision and in accordance with all statutes and rules governing P.A.s;

(3) Submit proof of successful completion of a course or courses (AMA PRA Category 1™) approved by the Board which includes eight (8) hours of instruction regarding the prescribing of controlled substances and four (4) hours of advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances within one (1) year preceding the filing of an application for a QACSC.

~~twelve (12) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ or the equivalent continuing medical education (CME), which shall include the following:~~

~~—— (a) —— “Prescribing Controlled Drugs; Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls,” a continuing medical education course jointly sponsored by the Board and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (8 AMA PRA Category 1™ credits).~~

~~—— (b) —— Four (4) AMA PRA Category 1™ credits or equivalent through a Board approved course or courses that include advanced pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_~~ Complete the required twelve (12) credits within one (1) year preceding the filing of an application for a QACSC.

(5) Provide accurate and complete documentation of a minimum of twelve (12) months of active clinical practice pursuant to one or more registration agreements approved by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners ~~employment with physician supervision~~ following National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) certification. Interim approval of a supervised practice shall not be considered or used to meet this requirement.

(6) Provide information regarding whether the QACSC will be utilized at a remote site and/or in a different type of clinical setting than the supervising physician.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_~~ Submit an application on forms provided by the Board.

~~(78)~~ Pay the required application fee required by the Board.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*, Act 2009-489

**History:** Approved for publication: November 18, 2009. Effective Date: March 24, 2010. Amended/Approved: December 11, 2019. Certified Rule Filed: February 19, 2020. Effective Date: April 13, 2020.

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.03.01  
Rule Title: Application for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

X New        Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?

NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?

YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?

NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?

NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?

NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?

YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?

NO

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?

NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer William A. Perkins

Date: October 20, 2022

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LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.03.01, Application for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)


INTENDED ACTION: Adopt a new rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: New rule to state the information that is elicited on an application for an initial Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: December 5, 2022

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger

  
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NEW

540-X-12-.03.01     Application for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances  
Registration Certificate (QACSC).

An applicant for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate shall disclose whether:

- (1) Applicant's privilege for prescribing controlled substances has ever been suspended, restricted, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, revoked, or disciplined in any manner in any state or U.S. territory.
- (2) Applicant has ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance.
- (3) Any Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration ever held by applicant has ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation.
- (4) Applicant's staff privileges at any hospitals have ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or administering of controlled substances.
- (5) Applicant is currently engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or receiving any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues, or mental health issues.
  - (a) If applicant is an anonymous participant in the Alabama Professionals Health Program and is in compliance with their assistance agreement, they may answer "No" to this question. Such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.



(b) The term “currently” as it is used in paragraph (5) above does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of the application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one’s functioning as an assistant to physicians within the last two years.

(c) Applicant shall initial certifying an understanding of a statement of the duty as a licensee to address any such condition, which states as follows:

IMPORTANT: The Board recognizes that licensees encounter health conditions, including those involving mental health and substance use disorders, just as their patients and other health care providers do. The Board expects its licensees to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Professionals Health Program (334-954-2596), a physician advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of medical professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the licensee is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the license to practice medicine.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*, Act 2009-489

**History:**

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.05.01  
Rule Title: Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)  
- Required Disclosures

X New        Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer William M. Parker

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.05.01, Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC) – Required Disclosures

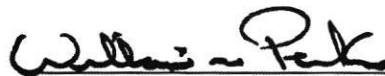
INTENDED ACTION: Adopt a new rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: New rule to state the information that is elicited on an application for renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

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CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger



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NEW

540-X-12-.05.01      Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Registration Certificate (QACSC) – Required Disclosures.

- (1) The applicant shall disclose whether:
  - (a) Applicant's privilege for dispensing or prescribing controlled substances has ever been suspended, restricted, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, revoked, or disciplined in any manner in any state or U.S. territory.
  - (b) Applicant has ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance.
  - (c) Any Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration ever held by applicant has ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation.
  - (d) Applicant's privileges at any hospitals have ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances.
  - (e) Applicant is currently engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or receiving any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues.
1. If applicant is an anonymous participant in the Alabama Professionals Health Program and is in compliance with their assistance agreement, they may answer "No" to this question. Such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

2. The term “currently” as it is used in paragraph (5) above does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of the application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one’s functioning as an assistant to physicians within the last two years.

3. Applicant shall initial certifying an understanding of a statement of the duty as a licensee to address any such condition, which states as follows:

IMPORTANT: The Board recognizes that licensees encounter health conditions, including those involving mental health and substance use disorders, just as their patients and other health care providers do. The Board expects its licensees to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Professionals Health Program (334-954-2596), a physician advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of medical professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the licensee is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the QACSC and/or license to practice as a Physician Assistant.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*

**History:** Approved for publication:



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Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.07  
Rule Title: Utilization of Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)  
- Limitations

       New        X Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?        NO       

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?        YES       

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?        NO       

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?        NO       

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?        NO       

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?        YES       

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?        NO       

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?        NO       

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer William M. Peltier

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.07, Utilization of Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC) - Limitations


INTENDED ACTION: Amend the rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Amend rule to remove the term "dispense" and to clarify that QACSC holders are required to comply with Board rules concerning the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

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540-X-12-.07 Utilization of Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Registration Certificate (QACSC) - Limitations.

(1) The authority of a P.A. to prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration ~~or dispense~~ pursuant to a QACSC is limited to those controlled substances enumerated in Schedules III, IV and V.

(2) A P.A. shall not prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration, ~~or dispense~~ any controlled substance enumerated in Schedule I or Schedule II.

(3) A P.A. shall prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration ~~or dispense~~ controlled substances in accordance with the requirements of Ala. Code §§ 20-2-60 through 20-2-69; any other applicable sections of the Alabama Uniform Controlled Substances Act (Ala. Code § 20-2-1, *et. seq.*); Board rules; protocols and medical regimens established by the Board for regulation of a QACSC; and any requirements or limitations established in an approved formulary by the supervising physician to whom the Physician Assistant is registered.

(4) A P.A. shall not utilize his or her QACSC for the purchasing, obtaining, maintaining or ordering of any stock supply or inventory of any controlled substance in any form.

(5) A P.A. who has been issued a valid and current QACSC may accept from pharmaceutical representatives prepackaged samples or starter packs in their original packages or containers for controlled substances enumerated in Schedules III, IV or V, subject to any restriction or limitations on the P.A.'s approved formulary and subject to any protocols or medical regimens established by the Board.

(6) A P.A. shall not prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration or dispense any controlled substance to his or her own self, spouse, child or parent.

(7) If the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of the supervising physician under whose supervision the P.A. utilizes a QACSC becomes inactive, revoked, suspended, restricted, or placed on probation, then the QACSC of the P.A. shall be administratively terminated by operation of law.

(8) When utilizing controlled substances for the treatment of pain, a QACSC holder shall comply with Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-4-.08, Requirements for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*, Act 2009-489

**History:** Approved for publication: November 18, 2009. Effective Date: March 24, 2010. Amended/Approved: December 11, 2019. Certified Rule Filed: February 19, 2020. Effective Date: April 13, 2020.

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Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Rule No. 540-X-12-.07.01  
Rule Title: Prescription Guidelines-Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC) – Limitations

X New        Amend        Repeal        Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

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Signature of certifying officer William A. Pelt

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.07.01, Prescription Guidelines - Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC) - Limitations

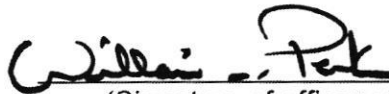
INTENDED ACTION: New rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: New rule to state requirements for controlled substances prescriptions by QACSC holders.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including December 5, 2022. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, [www.albme.gov](http://www.albme.gov).

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NEW

540-X-12-.07.01      Prescription Guidelines- Qualified Alabama Controlled

Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC).

(1) When prescribing controlled substances, a P.A. shall use a prescription form which includes all of the following:

- (a) The name, medical practice site address and telephone number of the supervising physician.
- (b) The name of the P.A.;
- (c) The medical practice site address and telephone number of the P.A. if different from that of the supervising physician;
- (d) The P.A.'s license number.
- (e) The words "Product Selection Permitted" printed on one side of the prescription form directly beneath a signature line;
- (f) The words "Dispense as written" printed on one side of the prescription form directly beneath a signature line.
- (g) The date that the prescription is issued to the patient.
- (h) The patient's full name and address.
- (i) The P.A.'s QACSC registration number.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama § 20-2-60, *et. seq.*, Act 2009-489

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