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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, § 41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 17th day of March, 2022, and filed with the agency secretary on the 17th day of March, 2022.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Amendment  Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 540-X-7-.17

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Qualifications of the Supervising Physician – Physician Assistants (P.A.)

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

No comments received. No changes from the proposal.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XL, ISSUE NO. 4, AAM,  
DATED JANUARY 31, 2022.

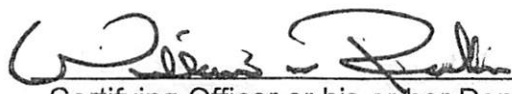
Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Ala. Code §§ 34-24-290, et. seq.

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NOTE: In accordance with §41 22 6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.

**540-X-7-.17            Qualifications of the Supervising Physician – Physician Assistants (P.A.).** The physician to whom a physician assistant is registered shall:

- (1) Possess a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama;
- (2) On the date of the application:
  - (a) Have satisfied one of the following experience requirements:
    1. Practiced medicine for at least three years; or
    2. Practiced medicine for at least one year and certified by one or more of the specialty boards recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; or
    3. Practiced medicine for at least one year and the registration's practice site is limited solely to a general acute care hospital, a critical access hospital, or a specialized hospital licensed as such by the Alabama Department of Public Health.
- (3) Effective January 1, 2024, have obtained continuing medical education prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the rules and statutes governing supervised practice in Alabama, not more than forty-eight (48) months prior to or within twelve (12) months of registration to a physician assistant.
- (4) The Board, in its discretion, may waive the practice requirements in (2)(a).
- (5) Effective January 1, 2024, all supervising physicians shall obtain continuing medical education prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the rules and statutes governing supervised practice in Alabama every forty-eight months (48) following registration to a physician assistant.
- (6) The Board of Medical Examiners may decline to consider an application where the physician is under investigation for a potential violation of the Code of Alabama, Section 34-24-360 or any rule of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners of Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama.

**Author:** Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-290, et. seq.

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