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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, and filed with the agency secretary on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Amendment  Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 540-X-7-.57

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

Rule Title: Covering Anesthesiologists for Anesthesiologist Assistants (A.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 proposal.


NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XL, ISSUE NO. 2, AAM, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2021.

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-.57  
(A.A.).**

**Covering Anesthesiologists for Anesthesiologist Assistants**

(1) When the primary supervising anesthesiologist is off duty, out of town, not on call, or not immediately available to respond to patients' medical needs, the anesthesiologist assistant is not authorized to perform any act or render any treatments unless another qualified anesthesiologist in the same partnership, group, medical professional corporation or anesthesiologist practice foundation or with whom the primary supervising anesthesiologist shares call is on call and is immediately available to supervise the anesthesiologist assistant and has previously filed with the Board a letter stating that he or she assumes all responsibility for the actions of the anesthesiologist assistant during the temporary absence of the primary supervising anesthesiologist.

(2) The covering anesthesiologist providing the supervision shall also affirm in the letter that he or she is familiar with the current rules regarding anesthesiologist assistants and the job description filed by the primary supervising anesthesiologist and the anesthesiologist assistant and that he or she is accountable for adequately supervising the medical care rendered pursuant to the job description. The covering anesthesiologist must meet the same qualifications as the supervising anesthesiologist as established in this Chapter.

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

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

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