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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE  
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 540

Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Rule No.: 540-X-7-.15

Rule Title: Registration - Physician Assistant (P.A.)

Intended Action Amend

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? No

To what degree?: N/A

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

Are all facets of the rule-making 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

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.

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. Perkins  
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Date

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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OCT 19, 2023

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ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Add a question on the Physician Assistant registration application whether the practice will be pursuant to a limited protocol, and if so, requiring the limited protocol form to be completed and submitted. This amendment meets the "protection of public health" exemption from the moratorium on rule amendments contained in Governor Ivey's Executive Order No. 735, Reducing "Red Tape" on Citizens and Businesses.

TIME, PLACE AND 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 Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or email (bme@albme.gov), until and including Dec. 5, 2023. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments in person should contact Carla 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:

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Carla Kruger

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) Registration of a physician assistant by the Board to perform medical services under the supervision of a physician approved by the Board to supervise the assistant shall be accomplished in the following manner:

~~(1)~~ (a) A completed application for registration in the form specified in Appendix A to Chapter 7 shall be submitted to the Board and shall include a list of each practice site, including the address and phone number where the registration and core duties shall be utilized, and shall list the name and designated working hours of the physician assistant at each practice site;

~~(2)~~ (b) A non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee in the amount of \$100.00 shall accompany the application; and

~~(3)~~ (c) A detailed job description signed by the physician and physician assistant shall accompany the application. The job description shall set forth those functions and procedures for which the physician assistant qualified by formal education, clinical training, area of certification, and experience, and which sets forth the anticipated functions and activities of the physician assistant. The job description shall include the formulary for prescribing non-controlled drugs that are authorized by the supervising physician to be prescribed by the physician assistant and shall include the authorized dosages, quantities, and number of refills for each drug type to be prescribed.

~~(4)~~ (2) If the physician assistant intends to practice under a limited protocol, a limited protocol form must be completed and accompany the application.

(3) The physician and the physician assistant may be personally interviewed, at the discretion of the Board, prior to final action on the application for registration.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

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

**History: Repealed and Replaced:** Filed September 21, 1998; effective October 26, 1998. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed

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