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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-.29

Rule Title: Continuing Medical Education - Physician Assistant

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

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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 _____

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-7-.29 Continuing Medical Education - Physician Assistant

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend the continuing medical education requirement from 25 hours each calendar year to 50 hours every two calendar years. 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 Jan. 4, 2024. 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.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Thursday, January 4, 2024

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Carla Kruger

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

Continuing Medical Education - Physician Assistant.

(1) (a) ~~Every physician assistant licensed by the Board must earn in each calendar year not less than twenty five~~ (25) Effective January 1, 2025, every two calendar years, each physician assistant licensed by the Board must earn not less than fifty (50) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or the equivalent as defined in this rule of continuing medical education as a condition precedent to receiving his or her annual renewal of license, unless he or she is exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement.

(b) For the purpose of compliance with the continuing medical education (CME) basic requirement stated in paragraph (a) for only the 2010 calendar year, credits earned in the 2009 calendar year which are not used to meet the 2009 calendar year CME requirement may be carried forward and used to meet the 2010 calendar year requirement. Carrying forward credits shall not be allowed thereafter.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ continuing medical education shall mean those programs of continuing medical education designated as AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ which are sponsored or conducted by those organizations or entities accredited by the Council on Medical Education of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama or by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor or conduct Category 1 continuing medical education programs.

(3) The following courses and continuing medical education courses shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Chapter, to be the equivalent of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ continuing medical education:

(a) Programs of continuing medical education designated as Category 1-A which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to sponsor or conduct Category 1-A continuing medical education for osteopathic physicians.

(b) Programs of continuing medical education designated to confer "Prescribed credits" which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians to sponsor or conduct "Prescribed credit" continuing medical education activities.

(c) Programs of continuing medical education designated as such by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

(d) Programs of continuing medical education designated to confer "ACOG Cognate Credits" which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities which are accredited by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to sponsor or conduct approved ACOG Cognate Credit activities on obstetrical and gynecologic related subjects.

(e) Programs of continuing medical education designated as AAPA Category I CME Credits which are sponsored or conducted by those organizations or entities accredited by the Education Council of the American Academy of Physician Assistants to sponsor or conduct AAPA Category I continuing medical education programs.

(f) Effective January 1, 2014, nationally recognized advanced life support/resuscitation certification courses, not otherwise accredited for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, for a maximum of two (2) Category 1 credits for each course. Basic life support courses are excluded and are not deemed to be the equivalent of Category 1 continuing medical education.

(4) Every physician assistant subject to the minimum continuing medical education requirement established in these rules shall maintain records of attendance or certificates of completion demonstrating compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirement. Documentation adequate to demonstrate compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirements of these rules shall consist of certificates of attendance, completion certificates, proof of registration, or similar documentation issued by the organization or entity sponsoring or conducting the continuing medical education program. The records shall be maintained by the physician assistant for a period of three (3) years following the year in which the continuing medical education credits were earned and shall be subject to examination by representatives of the State Board of Medical Examiners upon request. Every physician assistant subject to the continuing medical education requirements of these rules must, upon request, submit a copy of such records to the State Board of Medical Examiners for verification. Failure to maintain records documenting that a physician assistant has met the minimum continuing medical education requirement, and/or failure to provide such records upon request to the Board is hereby declared to be unprofessional conduct and may constitute grounds for discipline of the physician assistant's license to practice as a physician

assistant, in accordance with the statutes and regulations governing the disciplining of a physician assistant's license.

(5) Every physician assistant shall certify annually that he or she has met the minimum annual continuing medical education requirement established pursuant to these rules or that he or she is exempt. This certification will be made on a form provided on the annual renewal of license application required to be submitted by every physician assistant on or before December 31st of each year. The Board shall not issue a renewed license to any physician assistant who has not certified that he or she has met the minimum continuing medical education requirement unless the physician assistant is exempt from the requirement.

(6) A physician assistant who is unable to meet the minimum continuing medical education requirement by reason of illness, disability or other circumstances beyond his or her control may apply to the Board for a waiver of the requirement for the calendar year in which such illness, disability or other hardship condition existed. A waiver may be granted or denied within the sole discretion of the Board, and the decision of the Board shall not be considered a contested case and shall not be subject to judicial review under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. If a waiver is granted, the physician assistant shall be exempt from the continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which the illness, disability or other hardship condition existed.

(7) A physician assistant receiving his or her initial license to practice medicine in Alabama is exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which he or she receives his or her initial license.

(8) A physician assistant who is a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States and who is deployed for military service is exempt from the continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which he or she is deployed.

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

August 22, 2002; effective September 26, 2002. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed September 19, 2002; effective October 24, 2002.

Amended: Filed May 21, 2004; effective June 25, 2004. **Amended:** Filed November 18, 2009; effective December 23, 2009. **Amended:** Filed March 11, 2010; effective April 15, 2010. **Amended:** Filed April 12, 2013; effective May 17, 2013. **Amended:** Filed December 12, 2013; effective January 16, 2014. **Amended:**

Published November 30, 2020; effective January 14, 2021.
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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-.62

Rule Title: Continuing Medical Education - Anesthesiologist
Assistant (A.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

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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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conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure
Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer _____

Date _____

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-7-.62 Continuing Medical Education -
Anesthesiologist Assistant (A.A.)

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend the continuing medical education requirement from 25 hours every year to 50 hours every two years. 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.

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CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Carla Kruger

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Continuing Medical Education - Anesthesiologist Assistant (A.A.).

(1) (a) ~~Every anesthesiologist assistant licensed by the Board must earn or accrue in each calendar year not less than twenty-five (25)~~Effective January 1, 2025, every two calendar years, each anesthesiologist assistant licensed by the Board must earn not less than fifty (50) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or the equivalent as defined in this rule of continuing medical education as a condition precedent to receiving his or her annual renewal of license, unless he or she is exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement.

(b) For the purpose of compliance with the continuing medical education (CME) basic requirement stated in paragraph (a) for only the 2010 calendar year, credits earned in the 2009 calendar year which are not used to meet the 2009 calendar year CME requirement may be carried forward and used to meet the 2010 calendar year requirement. Carrying forward credits shall not be allowed thereafter.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ continuing medical education shall mean those programs of continuing medical education designated as AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ which are sponsored or conducted by those organizations or entities accredited by the Council on Medical Education of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama or by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor or conduct Category 1 continuing medical education programs.

(3) The following courses and continuing medical education courses shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Chapter, to be the equivalent of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ continuing medical education:

(a) Programs of continuing medical education designated as Category 1-A which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to sponsor or conduct Category 1-A continuing medical education for osteopathic physicians.

(b) Programs of continuing medical education designated to confer "Prescribed credits" which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians to sponsor or conduct "Prescribed credit" continuing medical education activities.

(c) Programs of continuing medical education designated as such by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

(d) Programs of continuing medical education designated to confer "ACOG Cognate Credits" which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities which are accredited by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to sponsor or conduct approved ACOG Cognate Credit activities on obstetrical and gynecologic related subjects.

(e) Effective January 1, 2014, nationally recognized advanced life support/resuscitation certification courses, not otherwise accredited for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, for a maximum of two (2) Category 1 credits for each course. Basic life support courses are excluded and are not deemed to be the equivalent of Category 1 continuing medical education.

(f) Programs accredited by the Federation for Advancement of Anesthesia Care Team (FAACT) are deemed to be equivalent of Category 1 credits only for Anesthesiologist Assistants.

(4) Every anesthesiologist assistant subject to the minimum continuing medical education requirement established in these rules shall maintain records of attendance or certificates of completion demonstrating compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirement. Documentation adequate to demonstrate compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirements of these rules shall consist of certificates of attendance, completion certificates, proof of registration, or similar documentation issued by the organization or entity sponsoring or conducting the continuing medical education program. The records shall be maintained by the anesthesiologist assistant for a period of three (3) years following the year in which the continuing medical education credits were earned and shall be subject to examination by representatives of the State Board of Medical Examiners upon request. Every anesthesiologist assistant subject to the continuing medical education requirements of these rules must, upon request, submit a copy of such records to the State Board of Medical Examiners for verification. Failure to maintain records documenting that an anesthesiologist assistant has met the minimum continuing medical education requirement, and/or failure to provide such records upon request to the Board is hereby declared to be unprofessional conduct and may constitute grounds for discipline of the anesthesiologist assistant's license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, in accordance with the statutes and regulations governing the disciplining of an anesthesiologist assistant's license.

(5) Every anesthesiologist assistant shall certify annually that he or she has met the minimum annual continuing medical education requirement established pursuant to these rules or that he or she is exempt. This certification will be made on a form provided on the annual renewal of license application required to be submitted by every anesthesiologist assistant on or before December 31st of each year. The Board shall not issue a renewed license to any anesthesiologist assistant who has not certified that he or she has met the minimum continuing medical education requirement unless the anesthesiologist assistant is exempt from the requirement.

(6) An anesthesiologist assistant who is unable to meet the minimum continuing medical education requirement by reason of illness, disability or other circumstances beyond his control may apply to the Board for a waiver of the requirement for the calendar year in which such illness, disability or other hardship condition existed. A waiver may be granted or denied within the sole discretion of the Board, and the decision of the Board shall not be considered a contested case and shall not be subject to judicial review under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. If a waiver is granted, the anesthesiologist assistant shall be exempt from the continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which the illness, disability or other hardship condition existed.

(7) An anesthesiologist assistant receiving his or her initial license to practice medicine in Alabama is exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which he or she receives his initial license.

(8) An anesthesiologist assistant who is a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States and who is deployed for military service is exempt from the continuing medical education requirement for the calendar year in which he or she is deployed.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

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

History: New Rule: Filed July 23, 1999; effective August 27, 1999. **Amended:** Filed November 22, 1999; effective December 27, 1999. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed August 22, 2002; effective September 26, 2002. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed September 19, 2002; effective October 24, 2002. **Amended:** Filed May 21, 2004; effective June 25, 2004. **Amended (Rule Number Only):** Filed September 11, 2008; effective October 16, 2008. **Amended:** Filed November 18, 2009; effective December 23, 2009. **Amended:** Filed March 11, 2010; effective April 15, 2010. **Amended:** Filed April 12, 2013; effective May 17, 2013. **Amended:** Filed December 12, 2013; effective January 16, 2014. **Amended:** Published November

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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-Appendix-E

Rule Title: Physician Assistant/Anesthesiologist Assistant
License Renewal

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
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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

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Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Date

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-7-Appendix-E Physician Assistant/
Anesthesiologist Assistant License Renewal

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend form to conform with amended CME requirement in 540-X-7-.29 from 25 hours every year to 50 hours every two years; and to add questions regarding certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants/ National Commission on Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants. 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.

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540-X-7-Appendix-E

Physician Assistant/Anesthesiologist
Assistant License Renewal.

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

APPENDIX E

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT LICENSE RENEWAL

**20XX Physician Assistant/Anesthesiologist Assistant License Renewal
Deadline: December 31, 20XX**

Failure to apply for license renewal and pay renewal fee will result in the license automatically being placed in an inactive status, making it illegal for the holder to practice as a Physician Assistant/Anesthesiologist Assistant effective January 1, 20XX.

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

CME Certification: (Select One)

I hereby certify that I have met or will meet by December 31 the ~~annual minimum continuing education requirement of 25 AMA PRA Category I Credits™ or equivalent continuing medical education for the calendar year 20XX~~ minimum continuing education requirement of 50 AMA PRA Category I Credits™ or equivalent continuing medical education earned within the immediately preceding two calendar years and have or will have supporting documentation if audited.

I hereby certify that I am exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement for the following reason (Select One)

I received my initial license to practice in Alabama in the calendar year 20XX.

I am exempt from the CME requirement for the calendar year 20XX because I am a member of a branch of the armed services and I was deployed for military service in the calendar year 20XX.

I have obtained a waiver from the Board of Medical Examiners due to illness, disability or other hardship condition which existed in the calendar year 20XX.

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA):

Are you currently certified by NCCPA?

If your answer is "yes", provide your certification number and certification expiration date.

National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA):

Are you currently certified by NCCAA?

If your answer is "yes", provide your certification number and certification expiration date.

Professional Responsibility Certification

If any answer is "yes," please provide a detailed explanation in the space provided.

Legal:

1. Since your last renewal, have you been arrested for, cited for, charged with, or convicted of any crime, offense, or violation of any law, felony, or misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, offenses related to the practice of medicine or state or federal controlled substances laws?

*This question excludes minor traffic violations such as speeding and parking tickets but includes felony and misdemeanor criminal matters that have been dismissed, expunged, sealed, subject to a diversion or deferred prosecution program, or otherwise set aside.

2. Since your last renewal, have you been arrested for, cited for, charged with, or convicted of any sex offender laws or required to register as a sex offender for any reason?

3. Since your last renewal, have you had a judgment rendered against you or action settled relating to an action for injury, damages, or wrongful death for breach of the standard of care in the performance of your professional service ("malpractice")?

4. Since your last renewal, to your knowledge, as of the date of this application, are you the subject of an investigation or proposed action by any law enforcement agency?

Administrative/Regulatory:

5. Since your last renewal, have you had any Drug Enforcement Administration registration and/or state controlled substances registration denied, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, or subject to any discipline, including, but not limited to revocation, suspension, probation, restriction, conditions, reprimand, or fine?

6. Since your last renewal, have you been denied a license to practice as an assistant to physicians in any state or jurisdiction or has your application for a license to practice as an assistant to physicians been withdrawn under threat of denial?

7. Since your last renewal, has your certification or license to practice as an assistant to physicians in any state or jurisdiction been subject to any discipline, including but not limited to revocation, suspension, probation, restrictions, conditions, reprimand, or fine?

8. Since your last renewal, have your privileges at any hospital or health care facility been revoked, suspended, curtailed, limited, or placed under conditions restricting your practice?

9. To your knowledge, as of the date of this application and since your last renewal, are you the subject of an investigation or proposed action by any federal agency, any licensing board/agency, or any hospital or health care facility?

Health:

10. Within the past two years, have you been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism, or voyeurism?

11. Within the past two years, have you raised the issue of consumption of drugs or alcohol or the issue of a mental, emotional, nervous, or behavioral disorder or condition as a defense, mitigation, or explanation for your actions during any administrative or judicial proceeding or investigation; any inquiry or other proceeding; or any proposed termination by an educational institution; employer; government agency; professional organization; or licensing authority?

12. Since your last renewal, have you been convicted of driving under the influence (DUI), or have you been charged with DUI and been convicted of a lesser offense such as reckless driving?

13. Are you currently* engaged in the excessive use of alcohol or controlled substances or in the use of illegal drugs, or receiving any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues, or mental health issues?

*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 that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as an assistant to physicians within the past two years.

Notice: If you are an anonymous participant in the Alabama Professionals Health Program and are in compliance with your contract, you may answer "No" to this question. Such an answer for this purpose, upon certification, will not be deemed as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

13.a. 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. Licensees are expected to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Professionals Health Program (334-954-2596), an 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 an assistant to physicians.

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

Practice Interruption:

14. Since your last renewal, has your professional education, training, or practice been interrupted or suspended, or have you ceased to engage in direct patient care, for a period longer than 60 days for any reason other than a vacation or for the birth or adoption of a child?

Review the following Registration Agreements (RA) (If any):

Is this Registration Agreement still Active?

How many hours per week do you work under this Registration Agreement?

Please provide a date of termination

What was the reason this Registration Agreement was terminated

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.

Knowingly providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners could result in disciplinary action.

Author: [Alabama Board of Medical Examiners](#)

Statutory Authority: [Ala. Code § 34-24-299](#)

History: [Amended/Approved: May 17, 2017. Effective date: September 5, 2017. Amended/Approved: November 16, 2017. Effective Date: April 9, 2018. Amended/Approved October 20, 2022. Certified Rule Filed December 20, 2022. Effective Date: February 13, 2023. Amended/Approved Nov. 16, 2023.](#)