

Title 20—Department of Commerce and Insurance
Division 2150—State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
Chapter 7—Licensing of Physician Assistants

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2150-7.135 Physician Assistant Collaborative Practice Arrangements. The board is deleting section (6) and renumbering as necessary.

PURPOSE: This amendment removes language requiring a one- (1-)month period for the collaborating physician to be continuously present with the physician assistant.

[(6)] It is the responsibility of the collaborating physician to determine and document the completion of a one- (1-) month period of time during which the licensed physician assistant shall practice with a collaborating physician continuously present before practicing in a setting where a collaborating physician is not continuously present. The collaborating physician may determine what constitutes a one- (1-) month period.]

[(7)](6) The collaborating physician shall complete a review of ten percent (10%) of the total health care services delivered by the physician assistant. If the physician assistant practice includes the prescribing of controlled substances, the physician shall review a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the cases in which the physician assistant wrote a prescription for a controlled substance. If the controlled substance chart review meets the minimum total ten percent (10%) as described above, then the minimum review requirements have been met. The physician assistant's documentation shall be submitted for review to the collaborating physician at least every fourteen (14) days. This documentation submission may be accomplished in person or by other electronic means and reviewed by the collaborating physician. The collaborating physician must produce evidence of the chart review upon request of the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts. If a collaborative practice arrangement is used in clinical situations where a physician assistant provides health care services that include the diagnosis and initiation of treatment for acutely or chronically ill or injured persons, then the collaborating physician shall be present for sufficient periods of time, at least once every two (2) weeks, except in extraordinary circumstances that shall be documented, to participate in such review and to provide necessary medical direction, medical services, consultations, and supervision of the health care staff. If the physician assistant is utilizing telehealth in providing services, the collaborating physician may be present in person or the collaboration may occur via telehealth in order to meet the requirements of this section. Telehealth providers shall obtain patient's or the patient's guardian's consent before telehealth services are initiated and shall document the patient's or the patient's guardian's consent in the patient's file or chart. All telehealth activities must comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

[(8)](7) Pursuant to section 630.875, RSMo, a physician assistant collaborating with a physician who is waiver-certified for the use of buprenorphine may participate in the "Improved Access

to Treatment for Opioid Addictions Program” (IATOAP) in any area of the state and provide all services and functions of a physician assistant. A remote collaborating physician working with an on-site physician assistant shall be considered to be on-site for the purposes of IATOAP.

~~[(9)]~~(8) If any provisions of these rules are deemed by the appropriate federal or state authority to be inconsistent with guidelines for federally funded clinics, individual provisions of these rules shall be considered severable and collaborating physicians and licensed physician assistants practicing in such clinics shall follow the provisions of such federal guidelines in these instances. However, the remainder of the provisions of these rules not so affected shall remain in full force and effect for such practitioners.

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PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, PO Box 4, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-3166, or via email at healingarts@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this rule in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*