

## SECTION .0200 – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REGISTRATION

### 21 NCAC 32S .0201 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Subchapter:

- (1) "Board" means the North Carolina Medical Board.
- (2) "Examination" means the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.
- (3) "Family member" means a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, aunt, uncle or first cousin, or persons to the same degree by marriage.
- (4) "Physician Assistant" means a person licensed by the Board under the provisions of G.S. 90-9.3.
- (5) "Physician Assistant License" means approval for the physician assistant to perform medical acts, tasks, or functions under North Carolina law.
- (6) "Physician Assistant Educational Program" is the educational program set out in G.S. 90-9.3(a)(1).
- (7) "License Renewal" means paying the annual fee and providing the information requested by the Board as outlined in this Subchapter.
- (8) "Supervise" or "Supervision" means the physician's function of overseeing the medical acts performed by a physician assistant.
- (9) "Supervisory Arrangement" is the written statement that describes the medical acts, tasks, and functions delegated to the physician assistant by the primary supervising physician appropriate to the physician assistant's education, qualification, training, skills, and competence.
- (10) "Supervising Physician" means the licensed physician who shall provide on-going supervision, consultation, and evaluation of the medical acts performed by the physician assistant as defined in the in the Supervisory Arrangement. The physician may serve as a primary supervising physician or as a back-up supervising physician.
  - (a) "Primary Supervising Physician" is the physician who is accountable to the Board for the physician assistant's medical activities and professional conduct at all times, whether the physician personally is providing supervision or the supervision is being provided by a Back-up Supervising Physician. The Primary Supervising Physician shall assure the Board that the physician assistant is qualified by education, training, and competence to perform all medical acts required of the physician assistant in the particular field or fields that the physician assistant is expected to perform medical acts. The Primary Supervising Physician shall also be accountable to the Board for his or her physician assistant's compliance with the rules of this Subchapter.
  - (b) "Back-up Supervising Physician" means the physician who is accountable to the Board for supervision of the physician assistant's activities in the absence of the Primary Supervising Physician and while actively supervising the physician assistant.
- (11) "Volunteer practice" means performance of medical acts, tasks, or functions without expectation of any form of payment or compensation.

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