

Enrolled
Senate Bill 678

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (at the request of Oregon Society of Physician Assistants)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to supervision of physician assistants; amending ORS 677.495 and 677.510.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 677.495 is amended to read:

677.495. As used in ORS 677.495 to 677.545, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Agent" means a physician designated by the supervising physician of a physician assistant who supervises the medical services of the physician assistant for a predetermined period of time.

[(1)] **(2)** "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Committee created in ORS 677.540.

[(2)] **(3)** "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed in accordance with ORS 677.505 to 677.525.

[(3)] **(4)** "Supervision" means the routine direction and regular review by the supervising physician, as determined to be appropriate by the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon, of the medical services provided by the physician assistant. The practice description shall provide for the maintenance of direct, verbal communication either in person or by means described in ORS 677.515 (4)(a) but the description shall not require the physical presence at all times of the supervising physician.

SECTION 2. ORS 677.510 is amended to read:

677.510. (1) A person licensed to practice medicine under this chapter shall not use the services of a physician assistant without the prior approval of the Board of Medical Examiners. The application shall state the name of the physician assistant, describe the manner and extent to which the physician assistant's services would be used and supervised, state the education, training and experience of the physician assistant and provide such other information in such a form as the board may require.

(2) The board may approve or reject an application, or it may modify the proposed use of the services of the physician assistant and approve the application as modified. When it appears to the board that the services of a physician assistant are being used in a manner inconsistent with the approval granted, the board may withdraw its approval. If a hearing is requested by the physician or the physician assistant upon the rejection of an application, or upon the withdrawal of an approval, a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with ORS 677.200.

(3)(a) The supervising physician may have a different specialty from the physician assistant. A physician assistant may be supervised by no more than four physicians. A physician may supervise four physician assistants. **A supervising physician may designate a physician to serve as the agent of the supervising physician for a predetermined period of time.**

(b) The board may review and approve applications from physicians serving federally designated underserved populations, or physicians in federally designated health professional shortage areas, federally designated medically underserved areas or areas designated as medically disadvantaged and in need of primary health care providers by the Director of Human Services or the Office of Rural Health to supervise more than four physician assistants, and applications from physician assistants to be supervised by more than four physicians. A physician assistant may render services in an emergency room and other hospital settings, a nursing home, a corrections institution and any site included in the practice description.

(4) A licensed physician assistant may make application to the board for emergency drug dispensing authority. The board shall consider the criteria adopted by the Physician Assistant Committee under ORS 677.545 (4) in reviewing the application. Such emergency dispensing shall be of drugs prepared or prepackaged by a licensed pharmacist, manufacturing drug outlet or wholesale drug outlet authorized to do so under ORS chapter 689.

(5) A physician assistant for whom an application under subsection (1) of this section has been approved by the board on or after January 2, 2006, shall submit to the board, within 24 months after the approval, documentation of completion of:

(a) A pain management education program approved by the board and developed in conjunction with the Pain Management Commission established under ORS 409.500; or

(b) An equivalent pain management education program, as determined by the board.

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