

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3642

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed updated sponsors bill, delete lines 26 through 28 and delete page 2.
2 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert:
3 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 677.510 is amended to read:
4 **“677.510. (1)** A person licensed to practice medicine under this chapter shall not use the services
5 of a physician assistant without the prior approval of the Oregon Medical Board.
6 **“(2) A supervising physician or a supervising physician organization may apply to the**
7 **board to use the services of a physician assistant.** The application shall:
8 **“(a)** State the name of the physician assistant[.];
9 **“(b) If the applicant is a supervising physician organization:**
10 **“(A) State the names of all supervising physicians; and**
11 **“(B) State the name of the primary supervising physician required by subsection (5) of**
12 **this section;**
13 **“(c)** Describe the manner and extent to which the physician assistant’s services would be used
14 and supervised[.];
15 **“(d) Include a practice description that provides for the maintenance of direct, verbal**
16 **communication between the physician assistant and one or more supervising physicians ei-**
17 **ther in person or by means described in ORS 677.515 (4);**
18 **“(e)** State the education, training and experience of the physician assistant; and
19 **“(f)** Provide such other information in such a form as the board may require.
20 **“[(2)] (3)** The board may approve or reject an application, or it may modify the proposed use of
21 the services of the physician assistant and approve the application as modified. **The board may not**
22 **require that a supervising physician be physically present at all times.**
23 **“(4) A supervising physician organization shall provide the board with a list of the**
24 **supervising physicians in the supervising physician organization. The supervising physician**
25 **organization shall continually update the list and notify the board of any changes.**
26 **“(5) A supervising physician organization shall designate a primary supervising physician**
27 **and notify the board in the manner prescribed by the board.**
28 **“(6)** When it appears to the board that the services of a physician assistant are being used in
29 a manner inconsistent with the approval granted, the board may withdraw its approval. If a hearing
30 is requested by the **supervising physician, the supervising physician organization** or the physi-
31 cian assistant upon the rejection of an application[,], or upon the withdrawal of an approval, a
32 hearing shall be conducted in accordance with ORS 677.200.
33 **“[(3)(a)] (7) [The] A supervising physician may have a different specialty from the physician as-**
34 **stant.**
35 **“(8)(a) A supervising physician organization may supervise any number of physician as-**

1 **sistants. The board may not adopt rules limiting the number of physician assistants that a**
2 **supervising physician organization may supervise.**

3 **“(b) A physician assistant who is supervised by a supervising physician organization may**
4 **be supervised by any of the supervising physicians in the supervising physician organization.**

5 **“(9) If a physician assistant is not supervised by a supervising physician organization, the**
6 [A] **physician assistant may be supervised by no more than four supervising physicians. A super-**
7 **vising physician who is not acting as part of a supervising physician organization may super-**
8 **vising physician who is not acting as part of a supervising**
9 **physician organization may designate a physician to serve as the agent of the supervising physi-**
10 **cian for a predetermined period of time.**

11 **“[(b)] (10) The board may review and approve applications from physicians serving federally**
12 **designated underserved populations, or physicians in federally designated health professional short-**
13 **age areas, federally designated medically underserved areas or areas designated as medically dis-**
14 **advantaged and in need of primary health care providers by the Director of the Oregon Health**
15 **Authority or the Office of Rural Health to supervise more than four physician assistants, and ap-**
16 **plications from physician assistants to be supervised by more than four physicians. A physician as-**
17 **stant may render services in an emergency room and other hospital settings, a nursing home, a**
18 **corrections institution and any site included in the practice description.**

19 **“[(4)] (11) A licensed physician assistant may make application to the board for emergency drug**
20 **dispensing authority. The board shall consider the criteria adopted by the Physician Assistant**
21 **Committee under ORS 677.545 (4) in reviewing the application. Such emergency dispensing shall be**
22 **of drugs prepared or prepackaged by a licensed pharmacist, manufacturing drug outlet or wholesale**
23 **drug outlet authorized to do so under ORS chapter 689.**

24 **“[(5)] (12) A physician assistant for whom an application under [subsection (1) of] this section**
25 **has been approved by the board on or after January 2, 2006, shall submit to the board, within 24**
26 **months after the approval, documentation of completion of:**

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

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