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## SUMMARY

Expands definition of “supervising physician” to include persons licensed to practice osteopathy or podiatry in this state for purpose of supervising physician assistants.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to supervising physicians; creating new provisions; and amending  
3 ORS 677.495.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 677.495 is amended to read:

6 677.495. As used in ORS 677.495 to 677.535, unless the context requires  
7 otherwise:

8 (1) “Physician assistant” means a person who is licensed in accordance  
9 with ORS 677.505 to 677.525.

10 (2) “Practice agreement” means a written agreement between a physician  
11 assistant and a supervising physician or supervising physician organization  
12 that describes the manner in which the services of the physician assistant  
13 will be used.

14 (3) “Supervising physician” means a [*physician licensed to practice medi-*  
15 *cine under this chapter*] **medical or osteopathic physician licensed under**  
16 **this chapter, or a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under ORS**  
17 **677.805 to 677.840**, who supervises a physician assistant.

18 (4) “Supervising physician organization” means a group of supervising  
19 physicians that collectively supervises a physician assistant.

20 (5) “Supervision” means the acts of overseeing and accepting responsibil-

1 ity for the medical services provided by a physician assistant in accordance  
2 with a practice agreement, including regular and routine oversight and chart  
3 review.

4 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 677.495 by section 1 of this**  
5 **2017 Act apply to persons licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy or**  
6 **podiatry in this state before, on or after the effective date of this 2017**  
7 **Act.**

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