

Senate Bill 831

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Tom Barrows)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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

1
2 Relating to supervising physicians; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 677.495.

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

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

5 677.495. As used in ORS 677.495 to 677.535, unless the context requires otherwise:

6 (1) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed in accordance with ORS 677.505 to
7 677.525.

8 (2) "Practice agreement" means a written agreement between a physician assistant and a
9 supervising physician or supervising physician organization that describes the manner in which the
10 services of the physician assistant will be used.

11 (3) "Supervising physician" means a [*physician licensed to practice medicine under this chapter*]
12 **medical or osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter, or a podiatric physician and**
13 **surgeon licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840**, who supervises a physician assistant.

14 (4) "Supervising physician organization" means a group of supervising physicians that collec-
15 tively supervises a physician assistant.

16 (5) "Supervision" means the acts of overseeing and accepting responsibility for the medical ser-
17 vices provided by a physician assistant in accordance with a practice agreement, including regular
18 and routine oversight and chart review.

19 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 677.495 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to per-**
20 **sons licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy or podiatry in this state before, on or after**
21 **the effective date of this 2017 Act.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.