House Bill 2584

Sponsored by Representative DIEHL (at the request of Nick Haskins, former Representative Raquel Moore-Green)
(Preession filed.)

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.

Removes requirement that physician assistant collaboration agreement with employer include physician assistant performance assessment. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to physician assistants; creating new provisions; amending ORS 677.510; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 677.510, as amended by section 11a, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

677.510. (1) A physician assistant is responsible for the care provided by the physician assistant if the physician assistant is acting as an employee.

(2) A physician assistant shall engage in collaboration with the appropriate health care provider as indicated by the condition of the patient, the standard of care and the physician assistant's education, experience and competence. The degree of collaboration must be determined at the physician assistant's primary location of practice. The determination may include decisions made by a physician, podiatric physician or employer with whom the physician assistant has entered into a collaboration agreement, or the group or hospital service and the credentialing and privileging systems of the physician assistant's primary location of practice.

(3)(a) A physician assistant may not provide care unless the physician assistant has entered into a collaboration agreement signed by a physician, podiatric physician or employer. The collaboration agreement must include:

(A) The physician assistant's name, license number and primary location of practice;

(B) A general description of the physician assistant's process for collaboration with physicians or podiatric physicians; and

(C) If the physician assistant has fewer than 2,000 hours of post-graduate clinical experience, a plan for the minimum number of hours per month during which the physician assistant will collaborate, both in person and through technology, with a specified physician or podiatric physician[; and]

[(D) The performance assessment and review process, as described in subsection (5) of this section].

(b) The physician assistant, or physician, podiatric physician or employer with whom the physician assistant has entered into the collaboration agreement, is responsible for tracking the hours described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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.

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(4) The collaboration agreement must be kept on file at the physician assistant’s primary location of practice and made available to the Oregon Medical Board upon request.

(5) Performance assessments and reviews of a physician assistant may be completed by the physician assistant’s employer in accordance with a performance assessment and review process established by the employer.

(6) A physician assistant shall submit to the board every 36 months documentation of completion of:

(a) A one-hour pain management education program approved by the board and developed based on recommendations of the Pain Management Commission; or

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

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 677.510 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to collaboration agreements entered into or renewed on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 677.510 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2024.

(2) The Oregon Medical Board may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 677.510 by section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.