

House Bill 2584

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

1
2 Relating to physician assistants; creating new provisions; amending ORS 677.510; and prescribing
3 an effective date.

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

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

7 677.510. (1) A physician assistant is responsible for the care provided by the physician assistant
8 if the physician assistant is acting as an employee.

9 (2) A physician assistant shall engage in collaboration with the appropriate health care provider
10 as indicated by the condition of the patient, the standard of care and the physician assistant's edu-
11 cation, experience and competence. The degree of collaboration must be determined at the physician
12 assistant's primary location of practice. The determination may include decisions made by a physi-
13 cian, podiatric physician or employer with whom the physician assistant has entered into a collab-
14 oration agreement, or the group or hospital service and the credentialing and privileging systems
15 of the physician assistant's primary location of practice.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (b) The physician assistant, or physician, podiatric physician or employer with whom the physi-
29 cian assistant has entered into the collaboration agreement, is responsible for tracking the hours
30 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.

1 (4) The collaboration agreement must be kept on file at the physician assistant's primary lo-
2 cation of practice and made available to the Oregon Medical Board upon request.

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

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

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

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

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 677.510 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to col-
12 laboration agreements entered into or renewed on or after the operative date specified in
13 section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

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

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

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

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