

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 516

6 By: Montgomery

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8 An Act relating to physician assistants; amending 59
9 O.S. 2011, Section 519.2, as last amended by Section
10 1, Chapter 154, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020,
11 Section 519.2), which relates to definitions used in
12 the Physician Assistant Act; modifying definition;
13 and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 519.2, as
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 154, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.
17 2020, Section 519.2), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 519.2. As used in the Physician Assistant Act:

19 1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and
20 Supervision;

21 2. "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Committee;

22 3. "Practice of medicine" means services which require training
23 in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, including the
24 use and administration of drugs, and which are performed by
physician assistants so long as such services are within the

1 physician assistants' skill, form a component of the physician's
2 scope of practice, and are provided with physician supervision,
3 including authenticating by signature any form that may be
4 authenticated by the delegating physician's signature with prior
5 delegation by the physician;

6 4. "Patient care setting" means and includes, but is not
7 limited to, a physician's office, clinic, hospital, nursing home,
8 extended care facility, patient's home, ambulatory surgical center,
9 hospice facility or any other setting authorized by the delegating
10 physician;

11 5. "Physician assistant" means a health care professional,
12 qualified by academic and clinical education and licensed by the
13 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, to practice
14 medicine with physician supervision;

15 6. "Delegating physician" means an individual holding a license
16 in good standing as a physician from the State Board of Medical
17 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic
18 Examiners, who supervises an unlimited number of physician
19 assistants and delegates decision making pursuant to the practice
20 agreement;

21 7. "Supervision" means overseeing or delegating the activities
22 of the medical services rendered by a physician assistant through a
23 practice agreement between a medical doctor or osteopathic physician
24 performing procedures or directly or indirectly involved with the

1 treatment of a patient, and the physician assistant working jointly
2 toward a common goal of providing services. Delegation shall be
3 defined by the practice agreement. The physical presence of the
4 delegating physician is not required as long as the delegating
5 physician and physician assistant are or can be easily in contact
6 with each other by telecommunication. At all times a physician
7 assistant shall be considered an agent of the delegating physician;

8 8. "Telecommunication" means the use of electronic technologies
9 to transmit words, sounds or images for interpersonal communication,
10 clinical care (telemedicine) and review of electronic health
11 records; and

12 9. "Practice agreement" means a written agreement between a
13 physician assistant and the delegating physician concerning the
14 scope of practice of the physician assistant to only be determined
15 by the delegating physician and the physician assistant based on the
16 education, training, skills and experience of the physician
17 assistant. The agreement shall involve the joint formulation,
18 discussion and agreement on the methods of supervision and
19 collaboration for diagnosis, consultation and treatment of medical
20 conditions.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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