

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/07/2021 -
23 DO PASS, As Amended.

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