



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4730.19 Supervision agreements.

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(A) Before initiating supervision of one or more physician assistants licensed under this chapter, a physician shall enter into a supervision agreement with each physician assistant who will be supervised. A supervision agreement may apply to one or more physician assistants, but, except as provided in division (B)(2)(e) of this section, may apply to not more than one physician. The supervision agreement shall specify that the physician agrees to supervise the physician assistant and the physician assistant agrees to practice under that physician's supervision.

The agreement shall clearly state that the supervising physician is legally responsible and assumes legal liability for the services provided by the physician assistant. The agreement shall be signed by the physician and the physician assistant.

(B) A supervision agreement shall include either or both of the following:

(1) If a physician assistant will practice within a health care facility, the agreement shall include terms that require the physician assistant to practice in accordance with the policies of the health care facility.

(2) If a physician assistant will practice outside a health care facility, the agreement shall include terms that specify all of the following:

(a) The responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician in supervising the physician assistant;

(b) The responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician assistant when performing services under the physician's supervision;

(c) Any limitations on the responsibilities to be fulfilled by the physician assistant;

(d) The circumstances under which the physician assistant is required to refer a patient to the



supervising physician;

(e) If the supervising physician chooses to designate physicians to act as alternate supervising physicians, the names, business addresses, and business telephone numbers of the physicians who have agreed to act in that capacity.

(C)(1) The supervising physician shall submit a copy of each supervision agreement to the board. The board may review the supervision agreement at any time for compliance with this section and for verification of licensure of the supervising physician and the physician assistant. All of the following apply to the submission and review process:

(a) If the board reviews a supervision agreement, the board shall notify the supervising physician of any way that the agreement fails to comply with this section.

(b) A supervision agreement becomes effective at the end of the fifth business day after the day the board receives the agreement unless the board notifies the supervising physician that the agreement fails to comply with this section.

(c) If a physician receives a notice under division (C)(1)(a) of this section, the physician may revise the supervision agreement and resubmit the agreement to the board. The board may review the agreement as provided in division (C)(1) of this section.

(2) A supervision agreement expires two years after the day it takes effect. The agreement may be renewed by submitting a copy of it to the board.

Before expiration, a supervision agreement may be amended by including one or more additional physician assistants. An amendment to a supervision agreement shall be submitted to the board for review in the manner provided for review of an initial agreement under division (C)(1) of this section. The amendment does not alter the agreement's expiration date.

(D) A supervision agreement shall be kept in the records maintained by the supervising physician who entered into the agreement.



(E)(1) The board may impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars if it finds through a review conducted under this section or through any other means either of the following:

(a) That a physician assistant has practiced in a manner that departs from, or fails to conform to, the terms of a supervision agreement entered into under this section;

(b) That a physician has supervised a physician assistant in a manner that departs from, or fails to conform to, the terms of a supervision agreement entered into under this section.

(2) The board's finding under division (A)(1) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A civil penalty imposed under that division may be in addition to or in lieu of any other action the board may take under section 4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code.