

**58-70a-102 Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:

- (1) "Board" means the Physician Assistant Licensing Board created in Section 58-70a-201.
- (2)
  - (a) "Delegation of services agreement" means written criteria jointly developed by a physician assistant's supervising physician and any substitute supervising physicians and the physician assistant, that permits a physician assistant, working under the direction or review of the supervising physician, to assist in the management of common illnesses and injuries.
  - (b) The agreement defines the working relationship and delegation of duties between the supervising physician and the physician assistant as specified by division rule and shall include:
    - (i) the prescribing of controlled substances;
    - (ii) the degree and means of supervision;
    - (iii) the frequency and mechanism of chart review;
    - (iv) procedures addressing situations outside the scope of practice of the physician assistant; and
    - (v) procedures for providing backup for the physician assistant in emergency situations.
- (3) "Direct supervision" means the supervising physician is:
  - (a) physically present at the point of patient treatment on site where the physician assistant he is supervising is practicing; and
  - (b) immediately available for consultation with the physician assistant.
- (4) "Practice as a physician assistant" means:
  - (a) the professional activities and conduct of a physician assistant in diagnosing, treating, advising, or prescribing for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition, dependent upon and under the supervision of a supervising physician or substitute supervising physician in accordance with a delegation of services agreement; and
  - (b) the physician assistant acts as the agent of the supervising physician or substitute supervising physician when acting in accordance with a delegation of services agreement.
- (5) "Substitute supervising physician" means an individual who meets the requirements of a supervising physician under this chapter and acts as the supervising physician in the absence of the supervising physician.
- (6) "Supervising physician" means an individual who:
  - (a) is currently licensed to practice under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
  - (b) acts as the primary supervisor of a physician assistant and takes responsibility for the professional practice and conduct of a physician assistant in accordance with this chapter; and
  - (c) is not an employee of the physician assistant he supervises.
- (7) "Supervision" means the supervising physician is available for consultation with the physician assistant, either personally or by other means permitting direct verbal communication between the physician and physician assistant.
- (8) "Unlawful conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-70a-502.
- (9) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-70a-503 and as may be further defined by rule.

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