| 398  | (i) provide telemedicine, teletherapeutic, and telepsychiatric services through the use of      |
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| 399  | electronic communication or information technology within the clinical scope of services        |
| 400  | provided by the physician assistant;  |
| 401  | (j) notwithstanding Subsection 58-70a-501(2), prescribe or administer a controlled              |
| 402  | substance if the physician assistant holds a Utah controlled substance license and registration |
| 403  | with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;   |
| 404  | (k) prescribe medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder if the physician            |
| 405  | assistant has obtained a valid waiver from the United State Drug Enforcement Administration;    |
| 406  | and and   |
| 407  | (1) practice as an independently licensed mental health care provider.                          |
| 408  | (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a physician assistant specializing in          |
| 409  | psychiatric mental health may administer a behavioral health screening instruments.             |
| 410  | (b) A physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health may not perform a           |
| 411  | psychological or neuropsychological assessment or evaluation, including:                        |
| 412  | (i) an intellectual assessment;   |
| 413  | (ii) a forensic assessment or evaluation; and   |
| 414  | (iii) administration of a psychological or neuropsychological test or instrument that           |
| 415  | requires qualification level B or qualification level C under the Standards for Educational and |
| 416  | Psychological Testing approved as policy by the American Psychological Association.             |
| 417  | (8) As a condition of probation or reinstatement of a license, the division may require         |
| 418  | that, for a specified duration, a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health |
| 419  | collaborate with or practice under the supervision of:  |
| 420  | (a) a physician; or   |
| 421  | (b) a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health.                            |
| 422  | (9) A physician assistant who is in the process of completing the clinical training             |
| 423  | requirement in Subsection 58-70a-501.1(1)(d), may engage in the practice of mental health       |
| 424  | therapy if the physician assistant:   |
| 425  | (a) meets the requirements described in Subsections 58-70a-501.1(1)(a) through (c);             |
| 426  | Ŝ→ [ <u>and</u> ] ←Ŝ  |
| 427  | (b) engages in the practice of mental health therapy Ŝ→ [in collaboration with] under the       |
| 427a | supervision of ←Ŝ :   |
| 428  | (i) a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health; or                         |

| 429  | (ii) a physician who is board certified in psychiatry S→ [:] ; and                              |
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| 429a | (c) engages in the practice of mental health therapy in accordance with rules made by           |
| 429b | the division regarding the supervision described in Subsection (9)(b). $\leftarrow$ \$          |
| 430  | Ŝ→ [(10) (a) A physician assistant who does not specialize in psychiatric mental health may     |
| 431  | provide mental health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102 if the physician assistant enters |
| 432  | into a collaborative practice agreement with:   |
| 433  | (i) a psychiatrist; or  |
| 434  | (ii) a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health.                           |
| 435  | (b) A physician assistant who provides mental health therapy under Subsection (9):              |
| 436  | (i) may provide psychoeducation and limited supportive counseling:                              |
| 437  | (A) as part of a health care team; and  |
| 438  | (B) in accordance with the physician assistant's collaborative practice agreement;              |
| 439  | (ii) may not practice independently or provide formal psychotherapy;                            |
| 440  | (iii) shall maintain a formal collaborative agreement at the practice that describes the        |
| 441  | scope of services that may be provided by the physician assistant; and                          |
| 442  | (iv) shall make the collaborative agreement available to the division or the board upon         |
| 443  | request by the division or the board.   |
| 444  | (c) A physician assistant who practices in a non-psychiatric setting may provide mental         |
| 445  | health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102, including psychoeducation and limited           |
| 446  | supportive counseling, if:  |
| 447  | (i) the services are consistent with:   |
| 448  | (A) customary and accepted practices for the physician assistant's practice setting;            |
| 449  | (B) the physician assistant's education, training, and experience; and                          |
| 450  | (C) applicable standards of care; and   |
| 451  | (ii) the physician assistant does not provide formal psychotherapy.] ←S                         |
| 452  | Section 8. Section <b>62A-15-602</b> is amended to read:  |
| 453  | 62A-15-602. Definitions.  |
| 454  | As used in this part, Part 7, Commitment of Persons Under Age 18 to Division of                 |
| 455  | Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Part 8, Interstate Compact on Mental Health, Part 9, Utah    |
| 456  | Forensic Mental Health Facility, Part 10, Declaration for Mental Health Treatment, and Part     |
| 457  | 12, Essential Treatment and Intervention Act:   |
| 458  | (1) "Adult" means an individual 18 years [of age] old or older.                                 |
| 459  | (2) "Approved treatment facility or program" means a treatment provider that meets the          |