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Board to provide information, training on new supervisory agreement for PAs

New rule will be enforced on January 1, 2018

DES MOINES, IA – Physicians who supervise physician assistants are required to have a written agreement that defines the nature and extent of the supervision provided under new administrative rules that the Board will begin enforcing on January 1, 2018.

The agreement, which must be in place prior to supervising a physician assistant, takes into account the skills and experiences of the physician assistant and the supervising physician and recognizes the existing elements of supervision established in current Iowa administrative rules.

The rule requiring a supervisory agreement is one of several rules adopted by the Board of Medicine on July 21, 2017. The rules will become effective September 20, but the Board will delay enforcement of the rule until January 1, 2018, to allow more time to implement the rulemaking, which was initiated on April 28, 2017.

The Board pursued the rulemaking to provide more guidance to physicians who supervise physician assistants. The rulemaking clarifies existing supervisory requirements and establishes a written agreement to ensure that the supervisory requirements are discussed and understood by both the supervising physician and the physician assistant.

While the supervisory agreement does not have to be approved by the Board, the supervising physician is expected to maintain a copy and provide it to the Board upon request.

To help implement the new rule, the Board is providing a sample agreement and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) about supervisory agreements. The sample agreement and FAQs are attached to this press release and are available at the Board's website, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov

In addition, Board staff is hosting a one-hour online interactive training activity about the supervisory agreement on several dates in October, November and December, and is available to

make presentations around the state. To request a presentation, contact Executive Director Mark Bowden at (515) 242-3268 or mark.bowden@iowa.gov.

Here is the schedule and instructions for participating in a one-hour online interactive training activity about the supervisory agreement. (It's the same training activity offered at different times.):

Monday, October 2 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Thursday, October 12 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, October 17 – 7 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m.
Tuesday, October 24 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 21 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Thursday, November 30 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Monday, December 18 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 27 – 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.

To participate, click this link or paste it into your browser: <https://zoom.us/j/4464949038>
Then follow the instructions on the Zoom website to install the Zoom conference software.

You can use your computer's speakers and microphone for communication or dial in with one of these phone numbers:

(408) 638-0968
(646) 876-9923
(669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 446 494 9038