

***** Prescriptive and Administrative Changes 6/10/2022 *****

Arkansas Act 634 of 2021 has been passed, making allowance for the following changes:

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:

❖ A.C.A. 17-105-107

- The agreement between the Supervising Physician and Physician Assistant is now **determined at the “practice level”**.

❖ A copy of your delegation agreement is to be submitted to this office, however Board pre-approval of the document will only be required for PA’s who are applying for initial licensure:

1. There is a fillable delegation agreement on the ASMB website which can be used as a template. The delegation agreement found on the website was approved at the Board level.

Rule 24 (4)(c) regarding licensing requirement states: The submission to the Board of a delegation agreement delineating the scope of practice that the physician assistant will engage in, the program of evaluation and supervision by the supervising physician;

2. Delegation agreements are required to be kept on-site at each practice location (AND the Arkansas State Medical Board is to receive a copy).
3. Delegation agreements can be audited at any time by request of the Arkansas State Medical Board.
4. The Supervising Physician form is no longer required to be completed.
5. Signed Delegation Agreements are no longer returned to the PA.

❖ On June 9, 2022, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the \$50.00 supervising physician application fee.

PRESCRIPTIVE CHANGES:

- ❖ With approval of the supervising physician, a physician assistant may prescribe Schedule II hydrocodone combination products pursuant to Rule 24 Section 5A.

- ❖ Requests for Schedule II Hydrocodone Products AND/OR biologic authority will still need to be submitted to the Board for approval through submission of the completed form found on the ASMB website.

- ❖ Physicians supervising physician assistants may delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants for Schedule II-V drugs, all legend drugs, all nonscheduled medications, and medical devices.
 - A PA may only prescribe drugs listed in Schedule II if the prescription is for an opioid if the prescription is for 5 days or less

OR

 - a stimulant under the following circumstances:
 1. the prescription was originally initiated by a physician
 2. the physician has evaluated the patient within 6 month before the PA issues a prescription

AND

 3. the prescription by the PA is to treat the same condition as the original prescription.

If there is a question or request you need help with, you may contact our office by phone at 501-296-1802 or by email at licensemonitor@armedicalboard.org.