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A Safe Collaborative Agreement

By Joseph M. Beck, II, M.D., Chairman

A collaborative agreement between a physician and an advanced practice registered nurse is a written plan that identifies a physician who agrees to collaborate with an APRN in the joint management of the health care of patients seeing an APRN. ACA 17-87-102(2) outlines procedures for consultation with or referral to the physician involved (or other HCW's) as indicated by the needs of the patient.

With the above in place, the APRN has prescriptive authority (existing only as long as the Collaborative Agreement exists) in the area of practice of the nurse, which mirrors that of the physician. ACA 17-87-310 (a)(2). Other provisions of the law mandate that the agreement should list availability of the physician in the APRN's absence, emergency coverage, quality assurance and protocols for management of the nurse's prescriptive authority. An additional important part of the law gives the Arkansas State Medical Board the authority to review the collaborative practice agreement in the event of a complaint to determine the extent to which the physician is able to manage his or her responsibilities under the agreement in regard to patient safety. ACA 17-87-310(d).

The information above has been delineated here to remind physicians of the importance of their input into the collaborative agreement when they employ or otherwise engage an APRN. The Board is aware of some agreements signed by physicians that are grossly inadequate in areas such as quality assurance and protocols specifying precisely the nurse's prescriptive authority. Mid-level providers may well have a place in the modern practice of medicine, but complicated patients with

serious illnesses should be referred to and handled by the most qualified and experienced person on the health care "team", the physician. A chart review, and perhaps observation of the APRN, should be done at frequent agreed upon intervals to ensure appropriate and safe care of the patient. In addition, as with any mid-level provider, the Board feels that the public should be able to determine quickly and easily, at the time and place care is given, the name and contact information of the physician involved should a problem arise.

In 2008, the Board attempted to codify in a Regulation its expectations of physicians involved in a collaborative agreement with an APRN. Although this was never officially adopted by the Board, it does remain on the website as a prudent template for these types of agreements. If a physician with whom the APRN collaborates were to adopt these suggestions as an important part of his or her collaborative agreement, the patients would have an additional measure of safety and assurance of the highest quality medical care from the mid-level provider. ♦

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Hydrocodone Combination Products Moving to Schedule II

The Drug Enforcement Administration has published a Final Rule “moving hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) from Schedule III to the more-restrictive Schedule II, as recommended by the Assistant Secretary for Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and as supported by the DEA’s own evaluation of relevant data”. On August 21, 2014 the Federal Register made the Final Rule available on its website <http://go.usa.gov/mc8d>. ♦

Reminder to Notify the Board of the Location of Your Patient Records Upon Closing or Relocating Your Practice

In 2010 the Board passed Regulation 33. The intent of the regulation is to offer the Board office the ability to assist patients when they contact the Board inquiring where they can obtain a copy of the medical records from a physician whom they cannot locate. The regulation is below. It is important to review this information to ensure you remain in compliance when closing or relocating your practice.

Regulation 33:

In order to avoid defrauding, misrepresenting or deceiving the public or the Board, a Licensee will inform the Arkansas State Medical Board within 30 days of his or her terminating, retiring from, or relocating his or her practice setting. The Licensee will inform the Board of his or her new location and address and of his or her practice setting if applicable, and further inform the Board of where the patient records are stored, who is the custodian of those records and how the patients or other individuals may obtain the records. ♦

Incomplete Profiles

The ASMB/CCVS posted the following message to the CCVS website on November 1, 2013 and it is now in effect:

Effective January 1, 2014, the Centralized Credentials Verification Service (CCVS) will no longer offer customers the option of requesting "Incomplete Profiles" (Policy 5.4.3). This announcement is posted according to Policy 3.1.3.5 to comply with posted notification 30 days prior to implementation. This section will be removed from the CCVS Policies and Procedures and from the CCVS User Guide posted online on or before January 31, 2014. Please note this change. ♦

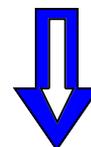
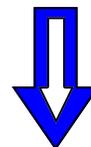
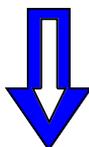
Be Sure That Our Emails Can Reach You!

We have noticed that more licensees are utilizing Anti-Spam features for their email accounts. This is understandable as we too are constantly bombarded with unwanted emails. The problem arises when these features block emails that you need.

Arkansas State Medical Board only sends emails that are pertinent to your license, or notifications that you have requested. These include Renewal Notices, Expired License Notifications, Password Resets and requests from the Board Members for information or appearances.

Please make sure that any Anti-Spam features you or your email providers utilize do not block emails from the armedicalboard.org domain. We do not respond to automatic responses requiring that we log into an email providers website and request that we be allowed access. It is the responsibility of the Licensee to make sure the Board has a current and clear means of communication. ♦

ATTENTION!!



Importance of Paperwork

Physician Assistants working in Arkansas are required by the following Statute to notify the Board when adding/removing a supervising physician.

State Statute 17-105-111

(b) A physician assistant shall notify the board of any changes or additions in supervising physicians within ten (10) calendar days.

The supervising physician and back-up supervising physician applications are found on our website, www.armedicalboard.org, under the tab “Additional Resources”, Physician Assistant Application Pack beginning on Page 28. These forms along with a signed protocol must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days for approval prior to the change being enacted by the Physician Assistant as stated in Regulation 24.4.b. If you have questions, please contact Susan Wyles, Physician Assistant Licensing Coordinator, directly at 501-296-1955 or email swy@armedicalboard.org. ♦

Board Actions & License Adjustments 7/11/2014 through 10/3/2014

GOMEZ, Henry Luis, M.D. (E-1534)
El Dorado, AR

Returned to Active, 10/2/2014
Emergency Order of Suspension, 9/4/2014

GONZALES, Cathryn Jean, M.D. (E-2921)
Magnolia, AR

Returned to Active, 10/2/2014
Emergency Order of Suspension, 9/3/2014

McDONALD, Candace Ray, LRPC (RCP-1973)
Taylor, AR

Revoked/Stayed, 10/3/2014

MILAM, Craig, M.D. (C-4889)
Holiday Island, AR

Consent Order, 8/14/2014

SCOTT, William Patrick, M.D. (E-1903)
Dardanelle, AR

Emergency Order of Suspension, 9/9/2014

WRIGHT, Charles Kent, M.D. (C-7768)
Fort Smith, AR

Returned to Active, 9/26/2014

Requesting Status Updates on CCVS Orders

The CCVS staff cannot provide status updates on CCVS orders, even if the customer contacts the specific staff currently working on the order. They are not allowed to provide this information. After they complete their section of the file, it goes to quality audit. If corrections are needed or additional clarification or verifications are needed, it may delay the file from release while this is obtained. The staff also cannot stop working on orders to pull a file out of working cycle to review it because this will delay the release time for other organizations with the same order on the same provider. Turn-around-times are set by state law and are included in the Policy and Procedure Manual and in the CCVS User Guide. There is no way to determine if missing verifications will be received earlier or on the last day the file is due by state law. ♦

Deactivating and Activating CCVS Account Users

CCVS Account Administrators are encouraged to periodically “clean up” their accounts by deactivating old users and activating new users, rather than allowing new users to use other staff’s user name and passwords. This security process is set-up to protect the customer organizations and is to your benefit. ♦

Scheduled Board Meeting Dates for the Arkansas State Medical Board

December 4-5, 2014

February 5-6, 2015

April 9-10, 2015

June 4-5, 2015

August 6-7, 2015

October 1-2, 2015

December 3-4, 2015

The agenda for each meeting will be posted online 1 week prior to each meeting on Wednesday by 4:00 pm.

The Board will hold “called” meetings when necessary.

Meetings will be held in the Board Room at
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Scheduled Allied Healthcare Meetings

Respiratory Care Examining Committee

November 4, 2014

December 11, 2014

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

December 3, 2014

Occupational Therapy Examining Committee

November 3, 2014

Other Scheduled Meetings

Pain Management Review Committee

December 18, 2014

Dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

CCVS Account Administrator Changes

CCVS Account Administrators are reminded to complete the process for changing CCVS Account Administrators by sending in the required letter from your old Account Administrator, CEO, CFO, COO or HR staff or someone that oversees or supervises the new Account Administrator so your user name and password can be provided to you once this process is completed and in a timely manner. ♦

Mission of the Arkansas State Medical Board

Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Arkansas with the goal that all citizens be provided with the highest quality health care.

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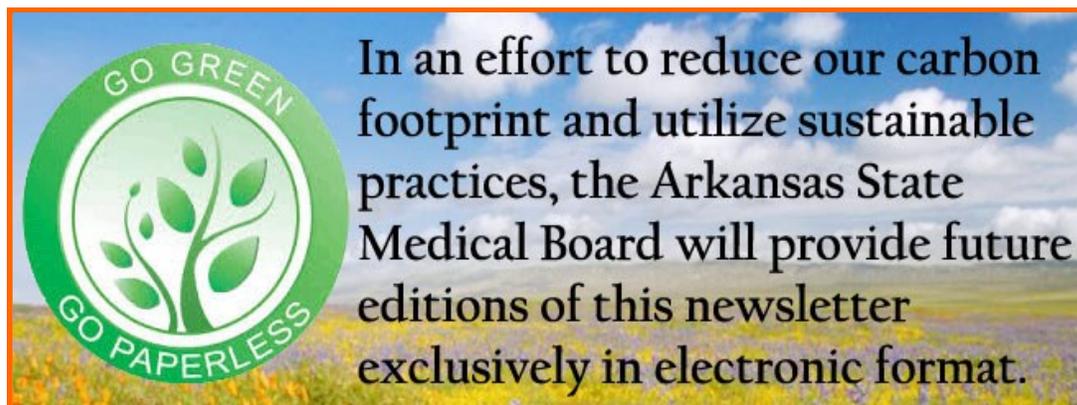
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Online Directory

All actively licensed Arkansas Physicians, Respiratory Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physician Assistants and Radiology Practitioner Assistants may be queried in the Online Directory. To purchase data files of these practitioners, please visit our website. Payment is via a secured online order form with Discover, Visa or MasterCard only.



ATTENTION!

Change of Address Form is now available on the ASMB Web Site:
<http://www.armedicalboard.org/forms.aspx>

Please FAX: (501) 603-3555

E-Mail: (support@armedicalboard.org) in .pdf only

or Mail to:

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Change of Address may be completed online with a licensee account.