

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), entitled  
2 "An act requiring the licensing of practitioners of  
3 osteopathic medicine and surgery; regulating their practice;  
4 providing for certain funds and penalties for violations and  
5 repeals," further providing for physician assistants.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 10(g) of the act of October 5, 1978  
9 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice  
10 Act, amended July 20, 2007 (P.L.316, No.47), is amended and the  
11 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 10. Licenses; exemptions; nonresident practitioners;  
13 graduate students; biennial registration and  
14 continuing medical education.

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16 (g) The supervising physician shall file with the board an  
17 application to utilize a physician assistant containing a  
18 description of the manner in which the physician assistant will  
19 assist the supervising physician in his practice, the method and

1 frequency of supervision, including, but not limited to, the  
2 number and frequency of the patient record reviews required by  
3 subsection (j.1) and the criteria for selecting patient records  
4 for review when 100% review is not required, and the geographic  
5 location of the physician assistant. There shall be no more than  
6 four physician assistants for whom a physician has  
7 responsibility or supervises pursuant to a written agreement at  
8 any time. In health care facilities licensed under the act of  
9 July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the "Health Care  
10 Facilities Act," a physician assistant shall be under the  
11 supervision and direction of a physician or physician group  
12 pursuant to a written agreement, provided that a physician  
13 supervises no more than four physician assistants at any time. A  
14 physician may apply for a waiver to employ or supervise more  
15 than four physician assistants at any time under this section  
16 for good cause, as determined by the board. In cases where a  
17 group of physicians will supervise a physician assistant, the  
18 names of all supervisory physicians shall be included on the  
19 application.

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21 (j.1) Patient record review.--

22 (1) The approved physician shall countersign 100% of the  
23 patient records completed by the physician assistant within a  
24 reasonable time, which shall not exceed ten days, during each  
25 of the following time periods:

26 (i) The first 12 months of the physician assistant's  
27 practice post graduation and after the physician  
28 assistant has fulfilled the criteria for licensure set  
29 forth in subsection (f).

30 (ii) The first 12 months of the physician

1 assistant's practice in a new specialty in which the  
2 physician assistant is practicing.

3 (iii) The first six months of the physician  
4 assistant's practice in the same specialty under the  
5 supervision of the approved physician, unless the  
6 physician assistant has multiple approved physicians and  
7 practiced under the supervision of at least one of those  
8 approved physicians for six months.

9 (2) In the case of a physician assistant who is not  
10 subject to 100% review of the physician assistant's patient  
11 records pursuant to paragraph (1), the approved physician  
12 shall personally review on a regular basis a selected number  
13 of the patient records completed by the physician assistant.  
14 The approved physician shall select patient records for  
15 review on the basis of written criteria established by the  
16 approved physician and the physician assistant. The number of  
17 patient records reviewed shall be sufficient to assure  
18 adequate review of the physician assistant's scope of  
19 practice.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

