

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 516

By: Montgomery of the Senate

3 and

4 Pfeiffer of the House

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6 [physician assistants - Physician Assistant Act -
7 effective date]
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 519.2, as
11 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 154, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.
12 2020, Section 519.2), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 519.2. As used in the Physician Assistant Act:

14 1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and
15 Supervision;

16 2. "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Committee;

17 3. "Practice of medicine" means services which require training
18 in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, including the
19 use and administration of drugs, and which are performed by
20 physician assistants so long as such services are within the
21 physician assistants' skill, form a component of the physician's
22 scope of practice, and are provided with physician supervision,
23 including authenticating by signature any form that may be
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1 authenticated by the delegating physician's signature with prior
2 delegation by the physician;

3 4. "Patient care setting" means and includes, but is not
4 limited to, a physician's office, clinic, hospital, nursing home,
5 extended care facility, patient's home, ambulatory surgical center,
6 hospice facility or any other setting authorized by the delegating
7 physician;

8 5. "Physician assistant" means a health care professional,
9 qualified by academic and clinical education and licensed by the
10 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, to practice
11 medicine with physician supervision;

12 6. "Delegating physician" means an individual holding a license
13 in good standing as a physician from the State Board of Medical
14 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic
15 Examiners, who supervises an unlimited number of physician
16 assistants and delegates decision making pursuant to the practice
17 agreement;

18 7. "Supervision" means overseeing or delegating the activities
19 of the medical services rendered by a physician assistant through a
20 practice agreement between a medical doctor or osteopathic physician
21 performing procedures or directly or indirectly involved with the
22 treatment of a patient, and the physician assistant working jointly
23 toward a common goal of providing services. Delegation shall be
24 defined by the practice agreement. The physical presence of the

1 delegating physician is not required as long as the delegating
2 physician and physician assistant are or can be easily in contact
3 with each other by telecommunication. At all times a physician
4 assistant shall be considered an agent of the delegating physician;

5 8. "Telecommunication" means the use of electronic technologies
6 to transmit words, sounds or images for interpersonal communication,
7 clinical care (telemedicine) and review of electronic health
8 records; and

9 9. "Practice agreement" means a written agreement between a
10 physician assistant and the delegating physician concerning the
11 scope of practice of the physician assistant to only be determined
12 by the delegating physician and the physician assistant based on the
13 education, training, skills and experience of the physician
14 assistant. The agreement shall involve the joint formulation,
15 discussion and agreement on the methods of supervision and
16 collaboration for diagnosis, consultation and treatment of medical
17 conditions.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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1 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2021.

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