

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2051

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to practice of medicine; creating the  
9 Supervised Physicians Act; defining terms; limiting  
10 scope of supervised physician practice; specifying  
11 applicability of supervision requirements; directing  
12 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision  
13 to promulgate certain rules; specifying duration of  
14 licensure; authorizing certain penalties for  
15 noncompliance with specified standards; specifying  
16 allowed professional titles; making supervising  
17 physician responsible for supervised physicians;  
18 requiring collaborative practice arrangement within  
19 specified time period; stipulating requirements for  
20 supervising physician and collaborative practice  
21 arrangement; requiring arrangement to include certain  
22 provisions; directing promulgation of additional  
23 rules; imposing certain limits on collaborative  
24 practice arrangements; prohibiting certain  
disciplinary actions under certain circumstances;  
providing for identification and reporting of  
supervising physicians; providing for publication and  
tracking of certain information; granting certain  
protections to supervising physicians and supervised  
physicians; requiring certain identification badges;  
requiring completion of certification course;  
specifying applicability of collaborative practice  
agreements; providing for codification; and providing  
an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.1 of Title 59, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Supervised  
5 Physicians Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.2 of Title 59, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 As used in this act:

10 1. "Medical school graduate" means any person who has graduated  
11 from a medical school as described in Section 493.1 of Title 59 of  
12 the Oklahoma Statutes or a school of osteopathic medicine as  
13 described in Section 630 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14 2. "Supervised physician" means a medical school graduate who:  
15 a. is a resident and citizen of the United States,  
16 b. has successfully completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the  
17 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE),  
18 or the equivalent of Step 1 and Step 2 of any other  
19 medical licensing examination or combination of  
20 examinations that is approved by the State Board of  
21 Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board  
22 of Osteopathic Examiners, within the same calendar  
23 year as the person's graduation from a medical school  
24 or school of osteopathic medicine,

1 c. has successfully graduated from an Oklahoma medical  
2 school with a doctorate of medicine or a doctorate of  
3 osteopathic medicine; notwithstanding any other  
4 provisions of this act, this subparagraph C is the  
5 controlling provision for the location of the medical  
6 school the supervised physician may be a graduate of,  
7 and

8 d. has entered into a supervised physician collaborative  
9 practice arrangement as defined in paragraph 3 of this  
10 section;

11 3. "Supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement"  
12 means an agreement between an Oklahoma licensed supervising  
13 physician and a supervised physician in good standing that meets the  
14 requirements of this act; and

15 4. "Supervising physician" means the physician tasked with  
16 overseeing or delegating the activities of the medical services  
17 rendered by a supervised physician through a practice agreement  
18 between a supervising physician performing procedures or directly or  
19 indirectly involved with the treatment of a patient, and the  
20 supervised physician working jointly toward a common goal of  
21 providing services. Delegation shall be defined by the practice  
22 arrangement. The physical presence of the delegating physician is  
23 not required as long as the supervising physician and supervised  
24 physician are or can be easily in contact with each other by

1 telecommunication. At all times a supervised physician shall be  
2 considered an agent of the supervising physician. The supervising  
3 physician shall meet the following criteria:

4 a. have possession of a full and unrestricted Oklahoma  
5 license to practice medicine, with the Drug  
6 Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Oklahoma Bureau of  
7 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBND) permits,  
8 and

9 b. the supervising physician shall be trained and fully  
10 qualified in the field of the supervised physician's  
11 specialty.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.3 of Title 59, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 Supervised physicians shall be subject to the supervision  
16 requirements established in any controlling federal law, any  
17 supervision requirements provided in this act, and any supervision  
18 requirements established by the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
19 Supervision. Supervised physicians are not subject to any  
20 additional supervision requirements, other than the supervision  
21 requirements provided in this section.

22 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.4 of Title 59, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the  
2 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall independently promulgate  
3 rules, with the input and assistance of designated institutional  
4 officers and graduate medical education departments at the state's  
5 medical schools:

6 1. To establish the process for temporary licensure of  
7 supervised physicians, supervision requirements, and additional  
8 requirements for supervised physician collaborative practice  
9 arrangements;

10 2. To set fees in an amount greater than or equal to the total  
11 costs necessary to facilitate the supervised physician collaborative  
12 practice arrangement each year; and

13 3. To address any other matters necessary to protect the public  
14 and discipline the profession.

15 B. A supervised physician's temporary license issued pursuant  
16 to this act and the rules promulgated by the State Board of Medical  
17 Licensure and Supervision shall only be valid for two (2) years from  
18 the date of the supervised physician's medical school graduation and  
19 is not subject to renewal. The State Board of Medical Licensure and  
20 Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners may deny an  
21 application for temporary licensure or suspend or revoke the  
22 temporary license of a supervised physician for violation of the  
23 standards provided in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical  
24 Licensure and Supervision Act or the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine

1 Act, or such other standards of conduct established by the State  
2 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of  
3 Osteopathic Examiners by rule.

4 C. This act shall not be construed to be an alternative pathway  
5 to full licensure. The license created in this act shall only be  
6 temporary for the amount of time allowed in this act.

7 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.5 of Title 59, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A supervised physician shall clearly identify himself or herself  
11 as a supervised physician and shall clearly be identified as a  
12 supervised physician on his or her name tag or lab coat. A  
13 supervised physician shall not practice, or attempt to practice,  
14 without a supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement,  
15 except as otherwise provided in this act.

16 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.6 of Title 59, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The licensed supervising physician collaborating with a  
20 supervised physician shall be responsible for directly supervising  
21 the activities of the supervised physician and shall accept full  
22 responsibility for the services provided by the supervised  
23 physician.

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1           SECTION 7.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.7 of Title 59, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           A. This act applies to all supervised physician collaborative  
5 practice arrangements. To be eligible to practice as a supervised  
6 physician, a temporary licensed supervised physician shall enter  
7 into a supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement with  
8 a supervising physician by the end of the calendar year of his or  
9 her graduation from medical school and no later than thirty (30)  
10 days after the date on which the supervised physician obtains  
11 initial licensure.

12           B. Only a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical  
13 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic  
14 Examiners may enter into a supervised physician collaborative  
15 practice arrangement with a supervised physician. Supervised  
16 physician collaborative practice arrangements shall take the form of  
17 a written agreement that includes mutually agreed-upon protocols and  
18 any standing orders for the delivery of services. Supervised  
19 physician collaborative practice arrangements may delegate to a  
20 supervised physician the authority to prescribe, administer, or  
21 dispense drugs and provide treatment, as long as the delivery of the  
22 services is within the scope of the supervising physician's practice  
23 and is consistent with the supervised physician's skill, training,  
24 and competence and the skill, training, and competence of the

1 supervising physician; except that a supervised physician shall not  
2 prescribe controlled dangerous substances. The supervising  
3 physician shall be board-certified in the specialty that the  
4 supervised physician is practicing.

5 C. The supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement  
6 shall contain the following provisions:

7 1. Complete names, home and business addresses, and telephone  
8 numbers of the supervising physician and the supervised physician;

9 2. A requirement that the supervised physician practice at the  
10 same location as the supervising physician;

11 3. A requirement that a prominently displayed disclosure  
12 statement informing patients that they may be seen by a supervised  
13 physician, and advising patients that the patient has the right to  
14 see the supervising physician;

15 4. All specialty or board certifications of the supervising  
16 physician and all certifications of the supervised physician;

17 5. The manner of collaboration between the supervising  
18 physician and the supervised physician, including how the  
19 supervising physician and the supervised physician will engage in  
20 collaborative practice consistent with each professional's skill,  
21 training, education, and competence;

22 6. A requirement that the supervised physician shall not  
23 provide patient care during an absence of the supervising physician  
24 for any reason;



1 7. A list of all other supervised physician collaborative  
2 practice arrangements of the supervising physician and the  
3 supervised physician;

4 8. The duration of the supervised physician collaborative  
5 practice arrangement between the supervising physician and the  
6 supervised physician;

7 9. A provision describing the time and manner of the  
8 supervising physician's review of the supervised physician's  
9 delivery of services. The provision shall require the supervising  
10 physician shall review one hundred percent (100%) of the charts  
11 documenting the supervised physician's delivery of services; and

12 10. A copy of the supervised physician collaborative practice  
13 arrangement shall be kept at the business address of the supervising  
14 physician and the supervised physician. Copies of the arrangement  
15 shall be provided upon request.

16 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.8 of Title 59, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the  
20 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, shall independently promulgate  
21 rules regulating the use of supervised physician collaborative  
22 practice arrangements for supervised physicians. The rules shall  
23 specify:

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1           1. The methods of treatment that may be covered by the  
2 supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement; and

3           2. Require review of the services provided under a supervised  
4 physician collaborative practice arrangement.

5           B. A supervising physician shall not enter into a supervised  
6 physician collaborative practice arrangement with more than three  
7 supervised physicians at the same time in addition to any other laws  
8 or rules of the State of Oklahoma.

9           SECTION 9.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.9 of Title 59, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12           A. Within thirty (30) days of any change to a supervised  
13 physician collaborative practice arrangement, including the initial  
14 practice arrangement, a supervised physician and a supervising  
15 physician shall report to the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
16 Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners whether the  
17 physician is engaged in a supervised physician collaborative  
18 practice arrangement, and to report to the physician's licensing  
19 board the name of each supervised physician with whom the physician  
20 has entered into an arrangement. Each board may make the  
21 information available to the public. The State Board of Medical  
22 Licensure and Supervision shall track the reported information and  
23 may routinely conduct reviews or inspections to ensure that the  
24 arrangements are being carried out in compliance with this act.

1 Copies of the supervised practice arrangements shall be provided  
2 upon request of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision  
3 or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. Copies shall be stored  
4 at the business address of the supervising physician and the  
5 supervised physician.

6 B. A contract or other agreement shall not require a physician  
7 to act as a supervising physician for a supervised physician against  
8 the physician's will. A physician has the right to refuse to act as  
9 a supervising physician, without penalty, for a particular  
10 supervised physician. A contract or other agreement shall not limit  
11 the supervising physician's authority over any protocols or standing  
12 orders, or delegate the physician's authority to a supervised  
13 physician. However, this subsection does not authorize a physician  
14 in implementing protocols, standing orders, or delegation to violate  
15 applicable standards for safe medical practice established by a  
16 hospital's medical staff.

17 C. A contract or other agreement shall not require a supervised  
18 physician to serve as a supervised physician for any supervising  
19 physician against the supervised physician's will. A supervised  
20 physician has the right to refuse to collaborate, without penalty,  
21 with a particular physician.

22 D. All supervising physicians and supervised physicians under a  
23 supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement shall wear  
24 identification badges while acting within the scope of the

1 arrangement. The identification badges shall prominently display  
2 the licensure status of the supervising physician and the supervised  
3 physician.

4 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.10 of Title 59, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. The supervising physician shall complete a certification  
8 course, which may include material on the laws pertaining to the  
9 professional relationship. The certification course shall be  
10 approved by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or  
11 the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

12 B. A supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement  
13 shall supersede current hospital licensing regulations governing  
14 hospital medication orders under protocols or standing orders for  
15 the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency care within a  
16 hospital as defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes, if the protocols or standing orders have been approved by  
18 the hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics  
19 committee.

20 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.11 of Title 59, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1       The provisions of this act only apply to inpatient hospital  
2 settings in facilities that are accredited by the Accreditation  
3 Council for Graduate Medical Education.

4       SECTION 12. This act shall become effective January 1, 2026.

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