

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

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

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

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

10 As used in this act:

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

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

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

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

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

17 4. "Supervising physician" means the physician tasked with
18 overseeing or delegating the activities of the medical services
19 rendered by a supervised physician through a practice agreement
20 between a supervising physician performing procedures or directly or
21 indirectly involved with the treatment of a patient, and the
22 supervised physician working jointly toward a common goal of
23 providing services. Delegation shall be defined by the practice
24 arrangement. The physical presence of the delegating physician is

1 not required as long as the supervising physician and supervised
2 physician are or can be easily in contact with each other by
3 telecommunication. At all times a supervised physician shall be
4 considered an agent of the supervising physician. The supervising
5 physician shall meet the following criteria:

- 6 a. have possession of a full and unrestricted Oklahoma
7 license to practice medicine, with the Drug
8 Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Oklahoma Bureau of
9 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBND) permits,
10 and
- 11 b. the supervising physician shall be trained and fully
12 qualified in the field of the supervised physician's
13 specialty.

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

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

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

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

9 1. To establish the process for temporary licensure of
10 supervised physicians, supervision requirements, and additional
11 requirements for supervised physician collaborative practice
12 arrangements;

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

16 3. To address any other matters necessary to protect the public
17 and discipline the profession.

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

1 temporary license of a supervised physician for violation of the
2 standards provided in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
3 Licensure and Supervision Act or the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine
4 Act, or such other standards of conduct established by the State
5 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of
6 Osteopathic Examiners by rule.

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

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

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

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

22 The licensed supervising physician collaborating with a
23 supervised physician shall be responsible for directly supervising
24 the activities of the supervised physician and shall accept full

1 responsibility for the services provided by the supervised
2 physician.

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

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

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

1 and is consistent with the supervised physician's skill, training,
2 and competence and the skill, training, and competence of the
3 supervising physician; except that a supervised physician shall not
4 prescribe controlled dangerous substances. The supervising
5 physician shall be board-certified in the specialty that the
6 supervised physician is practicing.

7 C. The supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement
8 shall contain the following provisions:

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

11 2. A requirement that the supervised physician practice at the
12 same location as the supervising physician;

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

17 4. All specialty or board certifications of the supervising
18 physician and all certifications of the supervised physician;

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

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1 6. A requirement that the supervised physician shall not
2 provide patient care during an absence of the supervising physician
3 for any reason;

4 7. A list of all other supervised physician collaborative
5 practice arrangements of the supervising physician and the
6 supervised physician;

7 8. The duration of the supervised physician collaborative
8 practice arrangement between the supervising physician and the
9 supervised physician;

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

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

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

22 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the
23 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, shall independently promulgate
24 rules regulating the use of supervised physician collaborative

1 practice arrangements for supervised physicians. The rules shall
2 specify:

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

5 2. Require review of the services provided under a supervised
6 physician collaborative practice arrangement.

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

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

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

1 may routinely conduct reviews or inspections to ensure that the
2 arrangements are being carried out in compliance with this act.
3 Copies of the supervised practice arrangements shall be provided
4 upon request of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
5 or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. Copies shall be stored
6 at the business address of the supervising physician and the
7 supervised physician.

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

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

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1 D. All supervising physicians and supervised physicians under a
2 supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement shall wear
3 identification badges while acting within the scope of the
4 arrangement. The identification badges shall prominently display
5 the licensure status of the supervising physician and the supervised
6 physician.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
10 OVERSIGHT, dated 03/04/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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