

**645—244.4(148,154B) Supervised practice as a conditional prescribing psychologist—joint rule.** A conditional prescribing psychologist shall complete a minimum of two years of supervised practice in prescribing psychotropic medications to patients with mental disorders in accordance with this rule to be eligible to apply for a prescription certificate.

**244.4(1) Supervision plan.** Prior to issuing a conditional prescription certificate, the board shall review and approve the proposed supervision plan.

*a.* The proposed supervision plan must include the following:

(1) Conditional prescribing psychologist information. The plan must include the name, license number, address, telephone number, and email address of the supervisee.

(2) Supervising physician information. The plan must include the name, license number, date of licensure, area of specialization, address, telephone number, and email address of each supervising physician.

(3) Primary supervising physician. The plan must include a designation of the primary supervising physician.

(4) Period of supervision. The plan must include the beginning date of the supervision plan and estimated date of completion.

(5) Locations and settings. The plan must include a description of the locations and settings where and with whom supervision will occur.

(6) Scope of practice. The plan must include a description of the scope of practice of the conditional prescribing psychologist, including any limitations on the types of psychotropic medications that may be prescribed and the patient populations to which a prescription may be issued and including the expectations and responsibilities of the supervising physician.

(7) Release of information. The plan must include a provision requiring the conditional prescribing psychologist to obtain a release of information from all patients who are considered for psychopharmacological intervention, authorizing the conditional prescribing psychologist to share the patient's health information with the supervising physician.

(8) Consultation between the conditional prescribing psychologist and the supervising physician. The plan must include a provision requiring that the conditional prescribing psychologist consult with the supervising physician on a regular basis regarding a patient's psychotropic treatment plan and any potential complications. A conditional prescribing psychologist shall not prescribe a new psychotropic medication, discontinue a psychotropic medication, or change the dosage of a psychotropic medication if the supervising physician objects on the basis of a contraindication.

(9) Consultation between the supervising physician and the primary care physician. The plan must include a provision requiring that the supervising physician consult with the patient's primary care physician on a regular basis regarding the patient's psychotropic treatment plan and any potential complications.

(10) Termination of the supervision plan. The plan must include a description of how the supervision plan may be terminated and the process for notifying affected patients.

(11) Signatures. The plan must include signatures of the psychologist and all supervising physicians.

*b.* A conditional prescribing psychologist shall inform the board of any amendments to the conditional prescribing psychologist's supervision plan, including the addition of any supervising physicians, within 30 days of the change. Amendments to a supervision plan are subject to board approval.

*c.* The board shall transmit all approved supervision plans and approved amendments to the board of medicine.

**244.4(2) Responsibilities of a supervising physician.** A supervising physician shall provide supervision in accordance with rules established by the board of medicine.

**244.4(3) Responsibilities of a conditional prescribing psychologist.** At the initial contact, a conditional prescribing psychologist shall inform a patient, or a patient's legal guardian when appropriate, that the conditional prescribing psychologist is practicing under the supervision of a physician for purposes of prescribing psychotropic medication and shall provide the name of the supervising physician. A conditional prescribing psychologist shall provide sufficient information regarding the supervision requirements to obtain informed consent and appropriate releases. Upon request, a conditional prescribing

psychologist shall provide additional information regarding the conditional prescribing psychologist's education, training, or experience with respect to prescribing psychotropic medications.

**244.4(4)** *Specialization.* A conditional prescribing psychologist shall complete the following training during the supervised practice period to be eligible to prescribe psychotropic medications to the respective population as a prescribing psychologist:

*a. Children.* To prescribe to patients who are less than 17 years of age, a conditional prescribing psychologist shall complete at least one year of the required two years of supervised practice in either:

- (1) A pediatric practice,
- (2) A child and adolescent practice, or
- (3) A general practice provided the conditional prescribing psychologist treats a minimum of 50 patients who are less than 17 years of age.

*b. Elderly patients.* To prescribe to patients who are over 65 years of age, a conditional prescribing psychologist shall complete at least one year of the required two years of supervised practice in either:

- (1) A geriatric practice, or
- (2) A general practice with patients across the lifespan including patients who are over 65 years of age.

*c. Serious medical conditions.* To prescribe to patients with serious medical conditions including but not limited to heart disease, cancer, stroke, seizures, or comorbid psychological conditions, or patients with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities, a conditional prescribing psychologist shall complete at least one year prescribing psychotropic medications to patients with serious medical conditions.

**244.4(5)** *Completion of supervised practice.* A conditional prescribing psychologist shall see a minimum of 300 patients over a minimum of two years to complete the supervised practice period, provided each of the 300 patients has a diagnosed mental disorder and pharmacological intervention is considered as a treatment option, even if a decision is made not to prescribe a psychotropic medication to the patient. A conditional prescribing psychologist shall treat a minimum of 100 patients with psychotropic medication throughout the supervised practice period.

*a.* At the conclusion of the supervised practice period, a primary supervising physician shall certify the following:

- (1) Supervision was provided in accordance with rules established by the board of medicine.
- (2) A conditional prescribing psychologist has successfully completed two years of supervised practice, considered at least 300 patients for psychopharmacological intervention, and treated at least 100 patients with psychotropic medications.
- (3) A conditional prescribing psychologist intending to specialize in the psychological care of children or elderly persons, or persons with serious medical conditions, has completed the requirements of subrule 244.4(4).

(4) A conditional prescribing psychologist has successfully completed the supervised practice period and demonstrated competence in psychopharmacology by demonstrating competency in the milestones listed in paragraph 244.3(3) "f" sufficient to obtain a prescription certificate.

*b.* If a conditional prescribing psychologist is unable to successfully complete the supervised practice period prior to the expiration of the conditional prescription certificate, the conditional prescribing psychologist may request an extension of the conditional prescription certificate provided that the conditional prescribing psychologist can demonstrate that the conditional prescribing psychologist is likely to successfully complete the supervised practice within the extended time requested. Any requests for extension must be submitted to and approved by both the board and the board of medicine.

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