

481—780.5(148C) Physician supervision required.

780.5(1) A physician assistant is required to be supervised by a physician when the physician assistant is practicing in an independent practice arrangement as defined in Iowa Code section 148C.1(5) and the physician assistant has not previously practiced under a supervising physician or in collaboration with the appropriate physician or other health care professional for a period of at least two years.

780.5(2) Requirements for a physician assistant and supervising physician.

a. A physician assistant will use the jointly approved board forms to notify the board of the identity of the physician assistant's supervising physician prior to beginning practice in Iowa. The physician assistant will notify the board of the identity of each of the physician assistant's supervising physicians and of any change in the status of the supervisory relationships during the physician assistant's required supervisory biennium.

b. A physician assistant and a supervising physician will utilize the board form to show a mutual understanding of the physician assistant's scope of practice, identified medical procedures and the areas of medicine performed.

c. A physician assistant will maintain documentation of current supervising physicians, which will be made available to the board upon request.

d. It shall be the joint responsibility of a physician assistant and a supervising physician to ensure the physician assistant is adequately supervised. Upon agreeing to supervise the physician assistant, the supervising physician will be advised that the physician's name will be listed with the board as a supervising physician. The physician assistant and the supervising physician are each responsible for knowing and complying with the supervision provisions of these rules.

e. Patient care provided by a physician assistant will be reviewed with a supervising physician determined at the practice level, ensuring each patient has received the appropriate medical care.

f. Patient care provided by a physician assistant may be reviewed with a supervising physician in person, by telephone or by other means of telecommunication and determined at the practice level.

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