

**148C.1 Definitions.**

1. “*Approved program*” means a program for the education of physician assistants which has been accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant or its successor, or, if accredited prior to 2001, either by the committee on allied health education and accreditation, or the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs.

2. “*Board*” means the board of physician assistants created under [chapter 147](#).

3. “*Collaboration*” means consultation with or referral to the appropriate physician or other health care professional by a physician assistant as indicated by the patient’s condition; the education, competencies, and experience of the physician assistant; and the standard of care.

4. “*Department*” means the department of public health.

5. “*Licensed physician assistant*” or “*licensed P.A.*” means a person who is licensed by the board to practice as a physician assistant under the supervision of one or more physicians. “*Supervision*” does not require the personal presence of the supervising physician at the place where medical services are rendered except insofar as the personal presence is expressly required by [this chapter](#) or required by rules of the board adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#).

6. “*Physician*” means a person who is currently licensed in Iowa to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. Notwithstanding [this subsection](#), a physician supervising a physician assistant practicing in a federal facility or under federal authority shall not be required to obtain licensure beyond licensure requirements mandated by the federal government for supervising physicians.

7. “*Physician assistant*” or “*P.A.*” means a person who meets the qualifications under [this chapter](#) and is licensed to practice medicine by the board.

8. “*Supervising physician*” means a physician who supervises the medical services provided by a physician assistant consistent with the physician assistant’s education, training, or experience and who accepts ultimate responsibility for the medical care provided by the supervising physician-physician assistant team.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, §148B.1; C81, §148C.1]

[88 Acts, ch 1225, §15](#); [2003 Acts, ch 93, §6 – 8, 14](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1101, §23](#); [2007 Acts, ch 10, §105](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1088, §141](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1020, §4, 12](#)

Referred to in [§321J.11](#), [462A.14A](#)