

**DELEGATION OF SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AND A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

Title 16, Section 1399.540 of the Physician Assistant Regulations states, in part, “a) A physician assistant may only provide those medical services which he or she is competent to perform and which are consistent with the physician assistant’s education, training, and experience, and which are delegated in writing by a supervising physician who is responsible for the patients cared for by that physician assistant. b) The writing which delegates the medical services shall be known as a delegation of services agreement. A delegation of services agreement shall be signed and dated by the physician assistant and each supervising physician. A delegation of services agreement may be signed by more than one supervising physician only if the same medical services have been delegated by each supervising physician. A physician assistant may provide medical services pursuant to more than one delegation of services agreement.”

The following document is a sample Delegation of Services Agreement (DSA) to assist you with meeting this legal requirement. This sample DSA is provided for information purposes; feel free to duplicate or modify it as appropriate and consistent with the law.

If you choose not to use the sample DSA, please be aware that you are still required by law to execute a DSA with your supervising physician. The DSA must be signed and dated by you and your supervising physician. The original or a copy of this document should be maintained at all practice sites where the physician assistant practices, and should be readily accessible. It is recommended that you retain prior DSAs for one to three years after the DSA is no longer current or valid.

While every practicing physician assistant is required to have a DSA, you are **not** required to submit it to the Physician Assistant Board. If requested, you must make a copy of your DSA available to any authorized agent of the Medical Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, or the Physician Assistant Board who may request it.

Failure to have a current DSA constitutes a violation of the Physician Assistant Regulations and is grounds for disciplinary action against a physician assistant’s license. In addition, failure by the physician assistant and supervising physician to comply with the supervision requirements specified in the Physician Assistant Regulations and in the Delegation of Services Agreement is ground for disciplinary action.

**THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS DO NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD**

SAMPLE

DELEGATION OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (Title 16, CCR, Section 1399.540)

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT _____
(Name)

Physician assistant, graduated from the _____
(Name of PA Training Program)

physician assistant training program on _____
(Date)

He/she took (or is to take) the licensing examination for physician assistants recognized by the State of California (e.g., Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination or a specialty examination given by the State of California) on _____
(Date)

He/she was first granted licensure by the Physician Assistant Board on _____, which expires on _____, unless renewed.
(Date) (Date)

SUPERVISION REQUIRED. The physician assistant named above (hereinafter referred to as PA) will be supervised in accordance with the written supervisor guidelines required by Section 3502 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 1399.545 of the Physician Assistant Regulations. The written supervisor guidelines are incorporated with the attached document entitled, "Supervising Physician's Responsibility for Supervision of Physician Assistants."

AUTHORIZED SERVICES. The PA is authorized by the physician whose name and signature appear below to perform all the tasks set forth in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of Section 1399.541 of the Physician Assistant Regulations, when acting under the supervision of the herein named physician. (In lieu of listing specific lab procedures, etc. the PA and *supervising* physician may state as follows: "Those procedures specified in the practice protocols or which the supervising physician specifically authorizes.")

The PA is authorized to perform the following laboratory and screening procedures:

The PA is authorized to assist in the performance of the following laboratory and screening procedures:

The PA is authorized to perform the following therapeutic procedures:

The PA is authorized to assist in the performance of the following therapeutic procedures:

The PA is authorized to function as my agent per bylaws and/or rules and regulations of (name of hospital):

a) The PA is authorized to write and sign drug orders for Schedule: II, III, IV, V without advance approval (circle authorized Schedule(s)). The PA has taken and passed the drug course approved by the Board on _____
(attach certificate). DEA #: _____ Date _____
or

b) The PA is authorized to write and sign drug orders for Schedule: II, III, IV, V with advance patient specific approval (circle authorized Schedule(s)). DEA #: _____

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS. The PA is required to always and immediately seek consultation on the following types of patients and situations (e.g., patient's failure to respond to therapy; physician assistant's uncertainty of diagnosis; patient's desire to see physician; any conditions which the physician assistant feels exceeds his/her ability to manage, etc.)

(List Types of Patients and Situations)

MEDICAL DEVICES AND PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTIONS. The PA may transmit by telephone to a pharmacist, and orally or in writing on a patient's medical record or a written prescription drug order, the supervising physician's prescription in accordance with Section 3502.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

The supervising physician authorizes the delegation and use of the drug order form under the established practice protocols and drug formulary. _____ YES _____ NO

The PA may also enter a drug order on the medical record of a patient at _____
(Name of Institution)
in accordance with the Physician Assistant Regulations and other applicable laws and regulations.

Any medication handed to a patient by the PA shall be authorized by the supervising physician's prescription and be prepackaged and labeled in accordance with Sections 4076 of the Business and Professions Code.

PRACTICE SITE. All approved tasks may be performed for care of patients in this office or clinic located at _____ and, in _____ hospital(s) and
(Address / City) (Address / City)
_____ skilled nursing facility (facilities) for care of
(Name of Facility)
patients admitted to those institutions by physician(s) _____ .
(Name/s))

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT AND BACKUP. In a medical emergency, telephone the 911 operator to summon an ambulance.

The _____ emergency room at _____
(Name of Hospital) (Phone Number)
is to be notified that a patient with an emergency problem is being transported to them for immediate admission. Give the name of the admitting physician. Tell the ambulance crew where to take the patient and brief them on known and suspected health condition of the patient.
Notify _____ at _____ immediately
(Name of Physician) (Phone Number/s))
(or within _____ minutes).

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DECLARATION

My signature below signifies that I fully understand the foregoing Delegation of Services Agreement, having received a copy of it for my possession and guidance, and agree to comply with its terms without reservations.

Date

Physician's Signature (Required)

Physician's Printed Name

Date

Physician Assistant's Signature (Required)

Physician Assistant's Printed Name

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