



## Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the State Medical Board

### Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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#### 1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

**12 AAC 40.430. Performance and assessment of practice.** The proposed regulations will suspend the requirement for the monthly contact with the supervising physician of a locum tenens Physician Assistant when the PA is practicing under a different collaborative plan (with a different supervising physician).

It is common for health care clinics/facilities in Alaska to utilize locum tenens physician assistants, who often rotate through various clinical settings, and it is common for these PA's to have multiple collaborative agreements. If the collaborative agreement is kept open, it requires the PA to continue to meet monthly with that supervising physician, regardless of if the PA and physician are practicing for the same facility. Multiple short-term collaborative agreements are administratively burdensome and expensive yet keeping multiple longer-term collaborative agreements open is also cumbersome. The proposed amendment eliminates redundancy, administrative burden and potential HIPAA violations while still ensuring proper supervision of locum tenens PAs.

**12 AAC 40.983. Cooperative practice agreements with pharmacists.** The proposed regulations in this section will remove redundant language with respect to the approval process for cooperative practice agreements between a pharmacist and physician. It amends Medical Board regulations to strike the requirement for the Board of Pharmacy to approve Physician-Pharmacy Cooperative Agreements. Instead, after the Medical Board reviews and approves cooperative agreements, the agreements will be forwarded to the Board of Pharmacy Executive Administrator (delegated staff) for review and filing.

#### 2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

#### 3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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