

**TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
CHAPTER 10. PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS  
SUBCHAPTER 7. REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON PRACTICE**

**435:10-7-12. Establishing a physician/patient relationship; exceptions** [NEW]

A physician/patient relationship is established when a physician agrees by direct or indirect contact with a patient to diagnose or treat any condition, illness or disability presented by a patient to that physician, whether or not such a presenting complaint is considered a disease by the general medical community. The physician/patient relationship shall include a medically appropriate, timely-scheduled, face-to-face encounter with the patient, subject to any supervisory responsibilities established elsewhere in these rules except the following providers are not subject to the face-to-face encounter:

- (1) providers covering the practice of another provider may approve refills of previously ordered medications if they have access to the medical file of the patient.
- (2) Hospice medical directors may initiate prescriptions based on requests from licensed health care providers and on information from Hospice records.
- (3) Providers ordering appropriate medications for persons with laboratory-proven, sexually transmitted diseases and persons who have been in contact with certain infectious diseases.
- (4) Telemedicine physicians who meet the criteria set out in OAC 435:10-7-13 of this Subchapter. *[435:10-7-13 not yet adopted; public hearing will be held 1/16/14]*  
*Proposed Rules*
- (5) Licensed healthcare providers providing medical immunizations, which may be implemented by means of standing order(s) and/or policies.

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