# RULE IMPACT STATEMENT PROPOSED PERMANENT RULE

# TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION CHAPTER 15. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

#### **PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

435:15-1-1.1. Definitions [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Licensure of Physician Assistants

435:15-3-1. Qualification; application [AMENDED]

435:15-3-13. Supervising physician; alternatives Delegating physician [AMENDED]

435:15-3-17. Continuing education for renewal requirements and audit [AMENDED]

435:15-3-19. Locum tenens [REVOKED]

Subchapter 5. Regulation of Practice

435:15-5-10. Prescriptions [AMENDED]

435:15-5-11. Discipline [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Prescriptive Guidelines and Drug Formulary

435:15-11-1. Prescriptive and dispensing authority [AMENDED]

435:15-11-2. Drug formulary [AMENDED]

### **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule amendments conform the rules to existing law by adding a definition for "Delegating physician" and removing the definition of "Primary supervising physician." The amendments also expand the definition for "On-site." The proposed rules also amend the audit process for continuing education to bring the process in harmony with the medical doctors' auditing process. Additionally, the rules propose revised application and practice agreement requirements, and revoke the requirements for practicing locum tenens in Oklahoma, in harmony with current law. The proposed amendments also allow a physician assistant to write orders for home health pursuant to law passed April 27, 2021. The amendments also authorize prescriptions for non-controlled medications to be written for up to a 100-day supply with three refills.

#### **CLASSES AFFECTED:**

The classes of persons most likely to be affected by the proposed amendments are Physicians, Physician Assistants and those members of the public receiving care provided from a Physician Assistant. No information on cost impact has been received by the agency from private or public entities to date.

#### PERSONS BENEFITTED:

The classes of persons most likely to benefit from the proposed amendments are Physician Assistants and those members of the public receiving care provided from a Physician Assistant.

#### PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:

- 1. On affected classes: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules
- 2. On political subdivision: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.
- 3. Fees: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

#### PROBABLE COST TO THE AGENCY:

Minimal administrative only. No additional personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

#### WILL THE RULE IMPACT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

No economic impact, or a need for cooperation from political subdivisions, is anticipated.

## **SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT:**

There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business, with reference to Sections 303 (A) (4) and 304 (b) (6) of the APA.

# **ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND COSTS OF COMPLIANCE:**

There are no apparent alternative methods for compliance. The Agency does not anticipate any additional costs of administration due to implementation of these rule changes.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH/ SAFETY CONCERNS:**

There will be no adverse impact or concerns with public safety or environment that will result for this proposed rule change.

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