

CHAPTER 10
GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

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NOTE: Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners was repealed by P.L. 16-123. These Rules and Regulations were filed with the Legislative Secretary on June 10, 1987.

§10101. Definitions. (a) *Licensed Physician* means a physician currently licensed to practice medicine in the Territory of Guam.

(b) *Physician Assistant* means a skilled person licensed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners of the Territory of Guam as being qualified by academic and practical training to provide patient services under the direct supervision of a licensed physician who is responsible, in a manner determined by the Board, for the performance of that person. A physician assistant is not an independent practitioner.

(c) *Board* means the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

(d) *Direct Supervision* means the opportunity or ability of the supervising physician(s) to exercise control over the services performed by the physician assistant. A supervising physician must be physically on the premises where the physician assistant is practicing, except in the case of home visits and extended care facilities when the physician must be available on island by telecommunication.

(e) *Supervising physician* means a licensed physician who is registered by the Board to supervise a specific physician assistant.

§10102. Requirements for Licensure. (a) Licensed physician assistants must be graduates of programs approved by the physician assistant Examining Committee (PAEC) in an institution accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA); and

(b) Have passed a proficiency examination developed

by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor.

§10103. Supervising Physician. The Board shall maintain a current list of registered licensed physicians provided by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

§10104. Registration of Physician Assistants Supervision. Prior to practicing on Guam, the licensed physician assistant shall present for approval of the Board a completed application as designated by the Board. The supervising physician shall specify the specialty areas in which the physician assistant shall provide services. Proposed changes of supervision registration must be approved by the Board.

§10105. Re-Certification. Each licensed physician assistant must present evidence of current certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor, every two years in order to be re-certified by the Board.

§10106. Scope of Practice. A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the direct supervision of a supervising physician.

Physician assistants extended privileges or employed by hospital or skilled nursing facility may, if permissible under the by-laws and rules and regulations of such facility, write medical orders (including medications, tests and treatments) for in-patients under the care of the supervising physician. In every case, medical orders so written must be countersigned by the supervising physician or confirmed by telephone within twenty-four hours. Such a co-signature is required prior to the execution of the orders.

§10107. Identification. While working, the physician assistant shall wear or display appropriate identification, clearly indicating that he or she is a physician assistant.

The physician assistant's license must be displayed in the office and any satellite operation in which he may function.

A physician assistant may not advertise himself/herself in a manner that would mislead the

patients of the supervising physician or the public.

§10108. Supervision Required. (a) Tasks performed by the physician assistant must be under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, registered by this Board to be the supervising physician.

(b) The supervising physician (or group of physicians) must provide written guidelines readily available at each site at which the physician assistant is practicing covering medical conditions commonly encountered and diagnostic and treatment protocols.

(c) All medical records must be reviewed and co-signed by the approved supervising physician within seven days.

(d) The Board shall keep a current register of licensed physician assistants and their supervising physicians; this register shall be available for public inspection.

(e) The Board shall administer the provisions of this Act and enforce them with the aid of the Government of Guam Attorney General's Office.

(f) Any person not approved as required by these rules and regulations who holds himself or herself out as a physician assistant, or uses any other term to indicate or imply that he or she is a physician assistant, or acts as a physician assistant without having obtained the approval of the Board, is subject to penalties applicable to the unlicensed practice of medicine.

(g) Upon being duly licensed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, the applicant shall have his/her name, address and other pertinent information enrolled by the Board on a roster of licensed physician assistants.

(h) Licensed physician assistants shall not perform work in a medical specialty area in which they have not been trained or in which their supervising physician is not qualified.

(i) Not more than two currently licensed physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician.

(j) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

(k) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the employment of physician assistants by a medical care facility where such physician assistants function under the

direct supervision of a Guam-licensed physician or group of Guam- licensed physicians approved by the Board as Supervising Physician.

§10109. Prescribing. A physician assistant may administer, prescribe and dispense any licensed drug other than Scheduled II-III drugs as a delegated authority of the supervising physician if such authorization is registered by the Board.

§10110. Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Licensure. (a) The Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners shall have authority to refuse, revoke, or suspend the license of a physician assistant for any of the following reasons:

(1) Conviction of felony in this Territory or any other state, territory or country. Conviction as used in this paragraph shall include a finding or verdict of guilty, an admission of guilt, or a plea of nolo contendere;

(2) Habitually using any habit-forming drug such as opium or any of its derivatives, morphine, heroin, cocaine, or any habit- forming drug;

(3) Fraud or deceit in obtaining initial approval as a physician assistant, or in the practice of the physician assistant profession;

(4) Professional misconduct of incompetence, or gross carelessness or manifest incapacity in the practice of medicine;

(5) Practicing as a physician assistant under a physician whose license to practice under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners is denied or suspended;

(6) Having his/her approval to serve as a physician assistant revoked or suspended or having any other disciplinary action taken, or an application for approval refused, revoked, or suspended by the proper regulatory authority of another state, territory or country;

(7) Violating a lawful regulation promulgated by the Board or violating a lawful of the Board, previously entered by the Board in a disciplinary proceeding.

(b) Disciplinary measures: When the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners determines that the approval of a physician assistant may be refused, revoked or suspended

under the terms of this Act, it may:

- (1) Deny the application for approval;
- (2) Administer a public or private reprimand;
- (3) Revoke, suspend, limit or otherwise restrict licensure and/or registration;
- (4) Require a physician assistant to submit to the care, counseling, or treatment of a physician or physicians designated by the Board;
- (5) Suspend enforcement of its finding thereof and place the physician assistant on probation with the right to vacate the probationary order;
- (6) Restore or reissue, at its discretion, a license to serve as a physician assistant, and impose the disciplinary or corrective measure which it might have originally imposed.