



VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112
February 14, 2024

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2023 (4-6)**
- C. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- D. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
 - 1) Board, Department and Staff Updates
 - 2) 2024 Meeting Dates **(7)**
 - 3) Annual Policy Review **(8-10)**
 - 4) Election of Officers, Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates, Delegation of Authorities **(11-27)**
 - 5) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Hutter, Jack – 7/1/2027
 - b. Kittleson, Randal – 7/1/2027
 - c. Whelan, James – 7/1/2024
- F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (28)**
 - 1) Scope Statement: Pod 9, Relating to References to Physician Assistants **(29-45)**
 - 2) Pending and Possible Rulemaking Projects **(46)**
- H. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:
 - 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
 - 2) Administrative Matters
 - 3) Election of Officers
 - 4) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
 - 5) Delegation of Authorities
 - 6) Education and Examination Matters

- 7) Credentialing Matters
- 8) Practice Matters
- 9) Legislation and Policy Matters
- 10) Administrative Rule Matters
- 11) Public Health Emergencies
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentor
- 14) Informational Items
- 15) Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
- 16) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
- 17) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 18) Presentation of Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 19) Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 20) Presentation of Interim Orders
- 21) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 22) Petitions for Assessments
- 23) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 24) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
- 25) Motions
- 26) Petitions
- 27) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
- 28) Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)

I. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

J. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters

- 1) **Case Closing**
 - a. 22 POD 004 – S.J.M. (47-57)
 - b. 22 POD 011 – J.K. (58-75)

K. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

- 1) Education and Examination Matters
- 2) Credentialing Matters
- 3) Disciplinary Matters
- 4) Monitoring Matters
- 5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
- 6) Petitions for Summary Suspensions
- 7) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 8) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 9) Administrative Warnings
- 10) Review of Administrative Warnings
- 11) Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 12) Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
- 13) Case Closings
- 14) Proposed Interim Orders
- 15) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations

- 16) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 17) Remedial Education Cases
- 18) Motions
- 19) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 20) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

L. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- M. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session
- N. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate
- O. Delegation of Ratification of Examination Results and Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 5, 2024

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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2023**

PRESENT: Jack Hutter, DPM; Randal Kittleson, DPM; James Whelan, DPM

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Dialah Azam, Bureau Assistant; and other Department staff

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Hutter, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with three (3) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda:

- Item G.1 **CHANGE** Pod 1 and 1 **TO** Pod 1 and 2

MOTION: James Whelan moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023

MOTION: Randal Kittleson moved, seconded by James Whelan, to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2023 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

Recognition: Robert Sage, Podiatrist (Resigned: 3/19/2023)

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to recognize and thank Robert Sage for his years of dedicated service to the Board and State of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Election of Officers

Chairperson

NOMINATION: Randal Kittleson nominated Jack Hutter for the Office of Chairperson. Jack Hutter accepted the nomination.

Tom Ryan, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

Jack Hutter was elected as Chairperson by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chairperson

NOMINATION: Jack Hutter nominated Randal Kittleson for the Office of Vice Chairperson. Randal Kittleson accepted the nomination.

Tom Ryan, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

Randal Kittleson was elected as Vice Chairperson by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary

NOMINATION: Jack Hutter nominated James Whelan for the Office of Secretary. James Whelan accepted the nomination.

Tom Ryan, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

James Whelan was elected as Secretary by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION RESULTS	
Chairperson	Jack Hutter
Vice Chairperson	Randal Kittleson
Secretary	James Whelan

Appointment of Liaisons

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison	Jack Hutter <i>Alternate:</i> Randal Kittleson
Education and Exams Liaison	Jack Hutter <i>Alternate:</i> Randal Kittleson
Monitoring Liaison	Jack Hutter <i>Alternate:</i> James Whelan
Professional Assistance Procedure Liaison	Randal Kittleson <i>Alternate:</i> James Whelan
Legislative Liaison	James Whelan <i>Alternate:</i> Randal Kittleson
Travel Liaison	Jack Hutter <i>Alternate:</i> Randal Kittleson
Screening Panel	Jack Hutter, Randal Kittleson, James Whelan

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Adoption Order: Pod 1 and 2, relating to Licensure ad Unprofessional Conduct

MOTION: Randal Kittleson moved, seconded by James Whelan, to approve the Adoption Order for Clearinghouse Rule 22-018 (Pod 1 and 2), relating to Licensure and Unprofessional Conduct. Motion carried unanimously.

Scope Statement Request: Pod 9, relating to References to Physician Assistants

MOTION: Randal Kittleson moved, seconded by James Whelan, to request DSPS staff draft a Scope Statement revising Pod 9, relating to References to Physician Assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATION OF RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS AND RATIFICATION OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

MOTION: Randal Kittleson moved, seconded by James Whelan, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2024 Meeting dates

Meeting Date		<i>Start time</i>	Agenda item deadline
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Virtual	9:00	2/2/2024
Wednesday, June 5, 2024	Virtual	9:00	5/23/2024
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Virtual	9:00	10/11/2024

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Brenda Taylor, Board Services Supervisor		2) Date when request submitted: 12/14/2023	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: All Boards			
4) Meeting Date: First Meeting of 2024	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Annual Policy Review	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Board SharePoint Site: https://dsps.boards.wisconsin.gov/			
<p>Please be advised of the following Policy Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-Person Meeting Policy: Depending on the frequency of Board meetings, a Board may be allowed a certain number of in-person meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-5 Meetings per year = 1 in-person opportunity • 6-8 Meetings per year = 2 in-person opportunities • 12 Meetings per year = 4 in-person opportunities 2. Attendance/Quorum: Thank you for your service and commitment to meeting attendance. If you cannot attend a meeting or have scheduling conflicts impacting your attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. Timely notification is appreciated as a quorum is required for Boards, Sections, and Councils to meet pursuant to Open Meetings Law. 3. Walking Quorum: Board/Section/Council members must not collectively discuss the body's business outside a properly noticed meeting. Should several members of a body do so, the members could be violating the open meetings law. 4. Mandatory Training: All Board Members must complete Public Records and Ethics Training, annually. Register to set up an account in the Cornerstone LearnCenter online portal or Log in to an existing account. 5. Agenda Deadlines: Please communicate agenda topics to your Executive Director before the agenda submission deadline at 12:00 pm, 8 business days prior to a meeting. (Attachment: Timeline of a Meeting) 6. Per Diem and Reimbursement Claims: Please submit all Per Diem and Reimbursement claims to DSPPS within 30 days of the close of each month in which expenses are incurred. (Attachment: Per Diem Example) 7. Lodging Accommodations/Hotel Cancellation Policy: Lodging accommodations are available to eligible members. Standard eligibility: the member must leave home before 6:00 am to attend a meeting by the scheduled start time. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a member cannot attend a meeting it is their responsibility to cancel their reservation within the applicable cancellation timeframe. b. If a meeting is changed to occur remotely, is canceled, or rescheduled, DSPPS staff will cancel or modify reservations as appropriate. 8. Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of inclement weather, the DSPPS may change a meeting from an in-person venue to hosted as virtual/teleconference only. 			
11)		Authorization	
<i>Brenda Taylor</i>		<i>12/14/2023</i>	
<p>Directions for including supporting documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the Agenda Items folders. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director 			

Timeline of a Meeting

8 business days prior to the meeting: All agenda materials are due to the Department by 12:00 pm, 8 business days prior to the meeting date.

7 business days prior to the meeting: The draft agenda page is due to the Executive Director. The Executive Director transmits to the Chair for review and approval.

5 business days prior to the meeting: The approved agenda is returned to the Board Administration Specialist for agenda packet production and compilation.

4 business days prior to the meeting: Agenda packets are posted on the DSPS Board SharePoint site and on the Department website.

Agenda Item Examples:

- Approval of the Agenda and previous meeting Minutes
- Open Session Items
 - Public Hearings (relating to Administrative Rules)
 - Administrative Matters
 - Legislation and Policy Matters
 - Administrative Rules Matters
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues
 - Public Agenda Requests
 - Current Issues Affecting the Profession
 - Public Comments
- Closed Session items
 - Deliberations on Proposed Disciplinary Actions
 - Stipulations
 - Administrative Warnings
 - Case Closings
 - Monitoring Matters
 - Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Issues
 - Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
 - Orders Fixing Costs/Matters Relating to Costs
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues

Thursday of the Week Prior to the Meeting: Agendas are published for public notice on the Public Notices and Meeting Minutes website: publicmeetings.wi.gov.

1 business day after the Meeting: "Action" lists are distributed by staff detailing board actions on closed session business.

5 business days after the Meeting: "To Do" lists are distributed to staff to ensure that board decisions are acted on and/or implemented within the appropriate divisions in the Department. Minutes approved by the board are published on the the Public Notices and Meeting Minutes website: publicmeetings.wi.gov.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

PER DIEM REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: Claimant records board-related activities by entering the date of an activity, the duration of time spent in that activity, the relevant purpose code (see purpose code descriptions below), where the activity is conducted, and the type of activity performed. Only one (1) \$25.00 per diem payment can be issued on any given calendar day.

Purpose Codes:

- A. Official meetings including video/teleconference calls** (automatic day of per diem): i.e., board, committee, board training or screening panels; **Hearings**, i.e., Senate Confirmation, legislative, disciplinary or informal settlement conferences; **Examinations and Test Development Sessions**, i.e., test administration, test review or analysis events, national testing events, tour of test facilities, etc.)
- B. Other** (One (1) per diem will be issued for every five (5) hours spent in category B, per calendar month): i.e., review of disciplinary cases, consultation on cases, review of meeting materials, board liaison work e.g., contacts regarding Monitoring, Professional Assistance Procedure, Credentialing, Education and Examinations

NAME OF EXAMINING BOARD OR COUNCIL EXAMPLE EXAMINING BOARD			BOARD OR COUNCIL MEMBER'S NAME MARY SUNSHINE	
Activity Date MM/DD/YY	Duration of Activity Hours/Minutes	Purpose Code A or B	Where Performed City/Location (Home, Work, DSPS)	Activity Describe Activity Performed (see purpose codes)
12/2/20	2 hrs	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Review of screening panel materials
12/3/20	2 hr / 30 mins	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Review of screening panel materials
12/10/20	1 hr	A	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Screening Panel Meeting - Teleconference
12/12/20	1 hr / 30 mins	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Case consultation
12/13/20	1 hr	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Liaison: Application Review
12/16/20	6 hrs	A	Madison/DSPS	Board Member Training
				<p>The 5-hour rule applies to "B" code activities. Add the 'B' codes within the calendar month and then divide by five (5) hours to calculate your per diem payment. In this case the total is seven (7) hours which equals one (1) day of per diem.</p> <p>Each 'A' code is an automatic day of per diem regardless of time spent in that activity. Ms. Sunshine is eligible for two (2) additional days of payment.</p> <p>Department staff completes the fields titled "Total Days Claimed".</p>
CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION			Comments:	
The undersigned certifies, in accordance with § 16.53, Wis. Stats., that this account for per diem, is just and correct; and that this claim is for service necessarily incurred in the performance of duties required by the State, as authorized by law.				
<i>Mary Sunshine</i>		1/4/2021		
Claimant's Signature	Date	Supervisor	Date	

EMPL ID: 100012345-0

To be completed by Department staff: **TOTAL DAYS CLAIMED: 3 @ \$25.00 = 75.00**

PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Elections as of 12/31/2023

Election of Officers

ELECTION RESULTS	
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Appointment of Liaisons

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State of Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2024

TO: Board, Council, and Committee Members

FROM: Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Liaison Definitions and Delegations Explanations

Overall Purpose of Liaison Appointments

Each Board/Section (Board) has inherent authority that is established in our Wisconsin Statutes. This authority may change from Board to Board. For further information on your Board's authority review Wis. Stat. ch. 15. Generally, each Board has authority to grant credentials, discipline credential holders, and set standards for education and examinations. Additionally, Liaisons assist with the operations of the Boards purpose by weighing in on legislative matters, traveling to national conferences, or communicating with stakeholders.

The Department asks that each year the Boards make liaison appointments to assist the Board and Department to accomplish these tasks in an efficient manner. Your practical knowledge and experience, as an appointed member of a professional board, are essential in making determinations regularly. The Liaison positions below assist the Department to complete operations between Board meetings. In most cases, Liaisons can make decisions for the full Board in their designated area. These are determined through the delegation process. However, a Liaison may also decide to send the delegated issue to the full Board for consideration as appropriate. Delegations assist the Board in defining the roles and authorities of each Liaison.

Liaison Definitions

Credentialing Liaison: The Credentialing Liaison is empowered by the Board to review and make determinations regarding certain applications for credentials. The Credentialing Liaison may be called on by Department staff to answer questions that pertain to qualifications for licensure, which may include whether a particular degree is suitable for the application requirements, whether an applicant's specific work experience satisfies the requirements in statute or rule for licensure, or whether an applicant's criminal or disciplinary history is substantially related to the practice of the profession in such a way that granting the applicant a credential would create a risk of harm to the public. Questions will likely be sent by Department

staff to the Credentialing Liaison via email and may include application materials. The Credentialing Liaison serves a very important role in the credentialing process.

Monitoring Liaison: The Monitoring Liaison is empowered by the Board to make decisions on any credential that is limited either through a disciplinary order or initial licensure. The Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the Monitoring Liaison. These requests vary wildly. A common request could be to remove a limitation that has been placed on a credential or to petition for full licensure. The Monitoring Liaison can review these requests and make decisions on behalf of the Board. The Board has the authority to grant decision making latitude to their liaison to any degree. The specific monitoring delegations are found in the Monitoring Document attached to the agenda. If the Monitoring Liaison has a question on a request, it is advisable for the Liaison to consult further with Department staff or bring the matter to the full Board for consideration.

Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison: PAP is a voluntary program open to credential holders with substance abuse issues who wish to seek help by being held accountable through treatment and monitoring by the Department and Board. As part of PAP, the credential holder enters into an agreement with the Department to undergo testing, counseling, or other rehabilitation. The PAP Liaison's role includes responding to credential holders' requests for modifications and terminations of provisions of the agreement. Similar to the Monitoring Liaison, the Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the PAP Liaison for further review.

Education and Examination Liaison: Some Boards are required by statute or rule to approve qualifying education and examinations. The Education and Examination Liaison provides guidance to Department staff to exercise authority of the Board to approve or decline examinations and educational programs. This determination requires a level of professional expertise and should be performed by a professional member of the Board. For some Boards, the Education and Examination Liaison will also be tasked with approving continuing education programs and courses.

Legislative Liaison: The Legislative Liaison is permitted to act and speak on the Board's behalf regarding pending and enacted legislation or actions being considered by the legislature outside of Board meetings. The Legislative Liaison is not the Board's designated lobbyist and should exercise their delegated authority carefully.

Travel Authorization Liaison: The Travel Authorization Liaison is authorized to approve a Board member to travel to events and speak or act on the Board's behalf between Board meetings. The Travel Authorization Liaison is called upon to make decisions when sufficient notice was not received, and the full Board could not determine a representative to travel. The Travel Authorization Liaison is tasked with making determinations if the Board appointed representative is not able to attend or if the Board becomes authorized to send additional members. As scholarship and funding streams can be unpredictable.

Communication Liaison: The Communication Liaison responds on behalf of the Board when questions arise that require a response from the Board. The Communication Liaison works with

the Department to cultivate an appropriate response. The Communication Liaison can be responsible for all types of communication on behalf of the Board. However, the Board can appoint a separate **Website Liaison** to work with DSPS staff to make changes and ensure the Board webpage contains updated and accurate information. Additionally, for the Boards that are required by statute to produce a newsletter or digest. The Board can appoint a separate **Newsletter/Digest Liaison** to assemble and approve content for those communications.

Screening Panel Members: The duties of the Screening panel are to review incoming complaints against credential holders and determine which complaints should be opened for investigation and which complaints should be closed without further action. The complexity and amount of work in this role depends substantially on your particular Board. As a member of the Screening panel you are asked to apply your professional expertise to determine if a complaint alleges unprofessional conduct.

Delegations Explanations

Credentialing Delegations

The overall purpose of credentialing delegations is to allow the credentialing process to proceed as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison (Generic)

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications.

PURPOSE: To permit one representative of the Board to assist Department staff with credentialing applications and eliminate the need for the entire Board to convene to consider credential application content or questions. Additionally, it is most efficient to have the designated liaison who has assisted with the credentialing process to be able to effectuate decisions which require a signature.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review.

PURPOSE: To permit Department staff to efficiently issue credentials and eliminate the need for Board/Section/Liaison review when all credentialing legal requirements are met in an application.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f).

PURPOSE: In general, the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act (codified in Wis. Stat. Ch. 111) prohibits licensing agencies from discriminating against applicants because of their arrest and/or conviction record. However, there are exceptions which permit denial of a license in certain circumstances. Individuals who do not possess a license have a legal right to apply for a determination of whether they are disqualified from obtaining a license due to their conviction record. This process is called “Predetermination”. Predeterminations must be completed within 30 days. This delegation allows Department Attorneys to conduct predetermination reviews and efficiently make these legal determinations without need for Board/Section/Liaison review.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice.

PURPOSE: As used here, “substantially related” is a legal standard that is used in the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act. The concept of what is “substantially related” is informed by case law. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct conviction reviews and efficiently approve applications if convictions are not substantially related to the practice of the profession. Applications that contain conviction records that may be substantially related to the practice of a profession will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant’s prior discipline has been approved for a previous credential and there is no new discipline.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison for a lower-level credential.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous credential and there is no new conviction record.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of conviction history that has already been reviewed and approved for a lower-level credential.

Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements meet Wisconsin license requirements. (specific legal standards are referenced in the motion depending on credential/profession type).

PURPOSE: Applications via reciprocity or endorsement require comparison of Wisconsin licensing requirements to the licensing requirements of another jurisdiction. These reviews consider the legal standard for reciprocity, which varies by profession, as well as the specified legal requirements to obtain licensure in the profession. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09.

PURPOSE: The law permits service members, former service members, and their spouses to be licensed if they hold licensure in other jurisdictions that qualify them to perform acts authorized by the credential they are seeking in Wisconsin. This is a shortened path to licensure that does not require meeting the specific requirements/standards for licensure/reciprocity in a profession. By law, the Department/Board must expedite the issuance of a reciprocal license via military reciprocity. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct military reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

PURPOSE: When an application is denied, the applicant has a legal right to appeal the denial determination. Applicants must meet a specified legal standard in order to have an appeal granted. Additionally, Wisconsin law sets specific time frames for appeal decisions. This delegation permits Department Attorney Supervisors to independently review and efficiently act on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed

by the Board and there are no new legal issues for that credential holder. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: The intent of this delegation is to be able to approve prior discipline by the Board for the renewal applicant. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison.

Monitoring Delegations

The overall purpose of monitoring delegations is to be able to enforce the Boards orders and limited licenses as efficiently and effectively as possible. Monitoring delegations have two categories: delegations to the monitoring liaison and delegations to the Department Monitor.

Delegation of Authority to Department Monitor

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Monitor

- a. to grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the only limitation and credential holder has submitted the required proof of course completion.
- b. to suspend the credential if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education, paid costs, paid forfeitures, within the time specified by the Board Order.
- c. to lift a suspension when compliance with education and costs provisions have been met.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow for the Department Monitor to automatically act on requests when certain criteria are met or not met without needing to burden the Board Monitoring Liaison. The Board can set their own criteria for what actions they would like to be handled by the Department, the Monitoring Liaison and the full Board.

Delegation of Authority to Monitoring Liaison

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison to approve or deny all requests received by the credential holder.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow the Board to set criteria for what decisions can be made by the Board member(s) serving as the Monitoring Liaison and what matters should be decided by the full Board. The Board has the authority to set specific criteria or to permit the liaison to make all determinations at their discretion.

Education and Exam Delegations

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to continuing education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously. (Differs by Board)

PURPOSE: Some Boards are responsible for approving qualifying educational programs or continuing education courses. A delegation is executed in order for a Board member to make

these determinations on behalf of the Boards and with assistance of the Department. Additionally, some Boards review examinations and individual scores to qualify for a credential.

Miscellaneous Delegations

Document Signature

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director, Board Counsel or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a Board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: In order to take the action approved at Board meetings, the Department may need to draft correspondence and/or Orders after the meetings have adjourned. These actions then need to be signed by a Board Member. This interaction usually takes place over email and a Board member can authorize the use of his/her signature that is kept on file.

Urgent Matters

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel

Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Sometimes Boards can struggle to meet quorum necessary to conduct business. This happens for a multitude of reasons but this delegation allows for the Boards to have disciplinary cases decided by Chief Legal Counsel if the Board fails to meet quorum for two consecutive meetings.

Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel (CLC) the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: For matters of public safety, it may be necessary to take immediate action on a stipulated agreement rather than allowing a credential holder to continue practicing unencumbered until the next scheduled meeting. This delegation allows CLC to act on behalf of the Board when there is a stipulated agreement. A stipulated agreement is an agreement to which all relevant parties have consented to the terms.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter.

MOTION: to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

PURPOSE: Credential holders can ask the Boards to surrender their credentials at any time. These delegations are in place for the different situations that arise from those requests. If a credential holder is seeking to surrender their credential because they wish to leave the profession that can be processed with this delegation by the Department if they have no pending disciplinary complaints. If the credential holder wishes to surrender while they have a pending disciplinary complaint that request is reviewed by the individual Board member assigned to the case.

DLSC Pre-screening

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (Case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint).

PURPOSE: Pre-Screening delegations exist so the Board can define specific parameters where the Department can review disciplinary complaints and open those cases if they meet certain criteria. Boards also have the authority to set certain criteria that would allow the Department to review and close a case if the criteria is met.

Roles and Authorities Delegated for Monitoring

The Monitoring Liaison (“Liaison”) is a Board/Section designee who works with department monitors (“Monitor”) to enforce Board/Section orders as explained below.

Authorities Delegated to the Monitoring Liaison

The Liaison may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section:

1. Grant a temporary reduction in random drug screen frequency upon Respondent’s request if he/she is unemployed and is otherwise compliant with Board/Section order. The temporary reduction will be in effect until Respondent secures employment in the profession. The Department Monitor (“Monitor”) will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
2. Grant a stay of suspension if Respondent is eligible per the Board/Section order. The Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
3. Remove the stay of suspension if there are repeated violations or a substantial violation of the Board/Section order. In conjunction with removal of any stay of suspension, the Liaison may prohibit Respondent from seeking reinstatement of the stay for a specified period of time. The Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
4. Grant or deny approval when Respondent proposes continuing/disciplinary/remedial education courses, treatment providers, mentors, supervisors, change of employment, etc. unless the order specifically requires full-Board/Section approval.
5. Grant full reinstatement of licensure if Respondent has fully complied with all terms of the order without deviation. The Monitor will draft an order and obtain written authorization from the Liaison to sign on their behalf.
6. Grant or deny a request to appear before the Board/Section in closed session.
7. The Liaison may determine whether Respondent’s petition is eligible for consideration by the full Board/Section.
8. Accept Respondent’s written request to surrender credential. If accepted by the Liaison, Monitor will consult with Board Counsel to determine if a stipulation is necessary. If a stipulation is not necessary, Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison. If denied by the Liaison, the request to surrender credential will go to the full Board for review. (Except PHM, MED)

9. Grant Respondent's petition for a reduction in drug screens per the standard schedule, below. If approved, Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison. Orders that do not start at 49 screens will still follow the same standard schedule.
 - a. Initial: 49 screens (including 1 hair test, if required by original order)
 - b. 1st Reduction: 36 screens (plus 1 hair test, if required by original order)
 - c. 2nd Reduction: 28 screens plus 1 hair test
 - d. 3rd Reduction: 14 screens plus 1 hair test
10. (*Dentistry only*) Ability to approve or deny all requests from a respondent.
11. The Liaison may approve or deny Respondent's request to be excused from drug and alcohol testing for work, travel, etc. (Applies only to these Boards: Dietitians, Massage/Bodywork Therapy Board, DEN, PAB, CHI, MED, RAD)
12. **The Liaison may have full authority to approve or deny a request from a Respondent that otherwise would require the approval of the full Board if the request cannot be heard and voted on due to lack of/loss of quorum.**
13. **The Liaison may have full authority to terminate any treatment ONLY upon written request from Respondent and written recommendation from Respondents treater.**

Authorities Delegated to the Department Monitor

The Monitor may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section, draft an order and sign:

1. Grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the sole condition of the limitation and Respondent has submitted the required proof of completion for approved courses.
2. Suspend the license if Respondent has not completed Board/Section-ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Board/Section order. The Monitor may remove the suspension and issue an order when proof of completion and/or payment have been received.
3. Suspend the license (or remove stay of suspension) if Respondent fails to enroll and participate in an Approved Program for drug and alcohol testing within 30 days of the order, or if Respondent ceases participation in the Approved Program without Board approval. This delegated authority only pertains to respondents who must comply with drug and/or alcohol testing requirements.
4. Grant or deny approval when Respondent proposes treatment providers [, mentors, supervisors, etc.] unless the Order specifically requires full-Board/Section or Board designee approval. (Except for MED)
5. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent, to complete Board/Section-ordered continuing/disciplinary/remedial education.
6. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension or payment plan for proceeding costs and/or forfeitures if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent.
7. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent, to complete a Board/Section-ordered evaluation or exam.

Authorities Delegated to Board Legal Counsel

Board Legal Counsel may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section:

1. Sign Monitoring orders that result from Board/Section meetings on behalf of the Board/Section Chair.
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Delegation of Authorities

Document Signature Delegations

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Robert Sage, to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Urgent Matters

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, that in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel for Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate to DSPS Chief Legal Counsel the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous

behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Delegations

Delegation of Authorities for Monitoring

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Robert Sage, to adopt the “Roles and Authorities Delegated for Monitoring” document as presented in the February 22, 2023 agenda materials on pages 18-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authorities for Legal Counsel to Sign Monitoring Orders

MOTION: Randal Kittleson moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate to Legal Counsel the authority to sign Monitoring orders that result from Board meetings on behalf of the Board Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Credentialing Authority Delegations

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison (Denial Decisions)

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Robert Sage, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications, except that potential denial decisions shall be referred to the full Board for final determination. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination

applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f). Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Robert Sage, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of podiatry. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Discipline History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant's prior discipline has been approved for a previous podiatry credential and there is no new discipline. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous podiatry credential and there is no new conviction record. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board's designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Open Cases

- MOTION:** Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for opening cases as outlined below:
1. OWIs of 3 or more that occurred in the last 5 years.
 2. Reciprocal discipline cases.
 3. Impairment and/or diversion at work that includes a positive drug/alcohol test or admission by respondent.
 4. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony that the attorney believes is substantially related and is not otherwise excluded from consideration via Wis. Stat. ch. 111.
 5. No response from the respondent after intake requested a response (case would be opened for the failure to respond issue as well as the merits).
- Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Close Cases

- MOTION:** Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for closing cases as outlined below:
1. One OWI that is non-work related and if AODA assessment completed, assessment does not indicate dependency.
 2. Complaints that even if allegations are true, do not amount to a violation of law or rules.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Voluntary Surrenders

- MOTION:** Robert Sage moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Randal Kittleson, to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19. Motion carried unanimously.

Education and Examination Liaison(s) Delegation

- MOTION:** Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization for DSPS to Provide Board Member Contact Information to National Regulatory Related Bodies

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to authorize the Department staff to provide national regulatory related bodies with all board member contact information that the Department retains on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Optional Renewal Notice Insert Delegation

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to designate the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to provide a brief statement or link relating to board-related business within the license renewal notice at the Board's or Board designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Robert Sage moved, seconded by Jack Hutter, to delegate authority to the Legislative Liaisons to speak on behalf of the Board regarding legislative matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Jack Hutter moved, seconded by Robert Sage, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison to approve any board member travel to and/or participation in events germane to the board, and to designate representatives from the Board to speak and/or act on the Board's behalf at such events. Motion carried unanimously.

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Nilajah Hardin Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 02/01/24 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 02/14/24	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters Discussion and Considerations 1. Scope Statement: Pod 9, Relating to References to Physician Assistants 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: 1. Scope Statement – Pod 9 2. 2021 WI Act 23 3. Wisc. Admin. Code Chapter Pod 9 4. Rule Project Chart			
11) Authorization			
Signature of person making this request		Date	
Supervisor (if required)		Date	
Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda)		Date	
Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.			

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Rule No.: Pod 9

Relating to: References to Physician Assistants

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to implement the statutory changes from 2021 Wisconsin Act 23 by updating the references to Physician Assistants in Pod 9 to reflect the new sections of the Wisconsin Administrative Code-chapters PA 1 to 4.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter Pod 9 currently includes references to Physician Assistants, specifically chapter Med 8, which has been repealed by 2021 Wisconsin Act 23. The alternative to making these changes is that chapter Pod 9 will continue to contain references to a part of the Wisconsin Administrative Code that no longer exists.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an affiliated credentialing board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 448.695 (2), Stats., provides that “the affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.”

Section 448.695 (4), Stats., provides that “the affiliated credentialing board shall promulgate rules establishing all of the following:

- (a) Practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry as provided in s. 448.975 (2) (a) 2m.
- (b) Requirements for a podiatrist who is supervising a physician assistant as provided in s. 448.975 (2) (a) 2m.”

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

60 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Licensed podiatrists and individuals applying for a license to practice podiatry.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule: None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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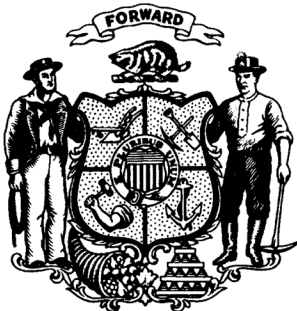
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2021 Assembly Bill 125

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Date of publication*: **March 27, 2021**

2021 WISCONSIN ACT 23

AN ACT to repeal 15.407 (2), 50.01 (4p), 252.01 (5), 448.01 (6), 448.03 (1) (b), 448.03 (3) (e), 448.04 (1) (f), 448.05 (5), 448.20, 448.21, 448.40 (2) (f) and 450.01 (15r); **to renumber** 448.970, subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.980] and subchapter IX of chapter 448 [precedes 448.985]; **to amend** 15.08 (1m) (b), 15.085 (1m) (b), 16.417 (1) (e) 3m., 46.03 (44), 48.981 (2m) (b) 1., 49.45 (9r) (a) 7. a., 50.08 (2), 50.39 (3), 55.14 (8) (b), 69.01 (6g), 70.47 (8) (intro.), 97.67 (5m) (a) 3., 118.2925 (1) (f), 146.81 (1) (d), 146.82 (3) (a), 146.89 (1) (r) 1., 146.997 (1) (d) 5., 154.01 (3) (intro.), 154.03 (2), 154.07 (1) (a) (intro.), 165.77 (1) (a), 255.07 (1) (d), 343.16 (5) (a), 440.035 (2m) (b), 440.035 (2m) (c) 1. (intro.), 448.015 (4) (am) 2., 448.02 (1), 448.03 (2) (a), 448.03 (2) (e), 448.03 (2) (k), 448.03 (5) (b), 448.035 (2) to (4), 448.037 (2) (a) (intro.) and (b) and (3), 448.62 (7), 448.695 (4) (a) and (b), 450.01 (16) (hm) 3., 450.11 (1), 450.11 (1g) (b), 450.11 (1i) (a) 1., 450.11 (1i) (b) 2. c., 450.11 (1i) (c) 2., 450.11 (8) (b), 462.02 (2) (e), 462.04, 961.01 (19) (a) and 971.14 (4) (a); **and to create** 15.406 (7), 49.45 (9r) (a) 7. e., 69.18 (1) (ck), 146.81 (1) (eu), subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.971], 450.11 (1i) (b) 2. cm., 450.11 (8) (f) and 990.01 (27s) of the statutes; **relating to:** regulation of physician assistants, creating a Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.08 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.08 (1m) (b) The public members of the chiropractic examining board, the dentistry examining board, the hearing and speech examining board, the medical examining board, the physical therapy examining board, the perfusionists examining council, the respiratory care practitioners examining council and council on physician assistants, the board of nursing, the nursing home administrator examining board, the veterinary examining board, the optometry examining board, the pharmacy examining board, the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board,

the psychology examining board, and the radiography examining board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

SECTION 2. 15.085 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.085 (1m) (b) The public members of the podiatry affiliated credentialing board ~~or the occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board~~, and the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

SECTION 3. 15.406 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

15.406 (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD. There is created in the department of safety and professional services, attached to the medical examining board, a physician assistant affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for staggered 4-year terms:

(a) Eight physician assistants licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.

(b) One public member.

SECTION 4. 15.407 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 16.417 (1) (e) 3m. of the statutes is amended to read:

16.417 (1) (e) 3m. A physician assistant who is licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (f) ~~448.974~~.

SECTION 6. 46.03 (44) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.03 (44) SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TREATMENT INFORMATION. Prepare and keep current an information sheet to be distributed to a patient by a physician, physician assistant, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber providing expedited partner therapy to that patient under s. 448.035 ~~or 448.9725~~. The information sheet shall include information about sexually transmitted diseases and their treatment and about the risk of drug allergies. The information sheet shall also include a statement advising a person with questions about the information to contact his or her physician, pharmacist, or local health department, as defined in s. 250.01 (4).

SECTION 7. 48.981 (2m) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

48.981 (2m) (b) 1. "Health care provider" means a physician, as defined under s. 448.01 (5), a physician assistant, as defined under s. 448.01 (6) ~~448.971 (2)~~, or a nurse holding a license under s. 441.06 (1) or a license under s. 441.10.

SECTION 8. 49.45 (9r) (a) 7. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.45 (9r) (a) 7. a. A physician ~~or physician assistant~~ licensed under subch. II of ch. 448.

SECTION 9. 49.45 (9r) (a) 7. e. of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (9r) (a) 7. e. A physician assistant licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.

SECTION 10. 50.01 (4p) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 11. 50.08 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.08 (2) A physician, an advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16 (2), or a physician assistant licensed under ch. 448, who prescribes a psychotropic medication to a nursing home resident who has degenerative brain disorder shall notify the nursing home if the prescribed medication has a boxed warning under 21 CFR 201.57.

SECTION 12. 50.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.39 (3) Facilities governed by ss. 45.50, 48.62, 49.70, 49.72, 50.02, 51.09, and 252.10, juvenile correctional facilities as defined in s. 938.02 (10p), correctional institutions governed by the department of corrections under s. 301.02, and the offices and clinics of persons licensed to treat the sick under chs. 446, 447, and 448 are exempt from ss. 50.32 to 50.39. Sections 50.32 to 50.39 do not abridge the rights of the medical examining board, physician assistant affiliated credentialing board, physical therapy examining board, podiatry affiliated credentialing board, dentistry examining board, pharmacy examining board, chiropractic examining board, and board of nursing in carrying out their statutory duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 13. 55.14 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

55.14 (8) (b) Order the individual to comply with the treatment plan under par. (a). The order shall provide that if the individual fails to comply with provisions of the treatment plan that require the individual to take psychotropic medications, the medications may be administered involuntarily with consent of the guardian. The order shall specify the methods of involuntary administration of psychotropic medication to which the guardian may consent. An order authorizing the forcible restraint of an individual shall specify that a person licensed under s. 441.06, 441.10, ~~or 448.05 (2) or (5)~~, ~~or 448.974~~ shall be present at all times that psychotropic medication is administered in this manner and shall require the person or facility using forcible restraint to maintain records stating the date of each administration, the medication administered, and the method of forcible restraint utilized.

SECTION 14. 69.01 (6g) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.01 (6g) "Date of death" means the date that a person is pronounced dead by a physician, coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, deputy medical examiner, physician assistant, or hospice nurse.

SECTION 15. 69.18 (1) (ck) of the statutes is created to read:

69.18 (1) (ck) For purposes of preparation of the certificate of death and in accordance with accepted medical standards, a physician assistant who is directly involved with the care of a patient who dies may pronounce the date, time, and place of the patient's death.

SECTION 16. 70.47 (8) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

70.47 (8) HEARING. (intro.) The board shall hear upon oath all persons who appear before it in relation to the assessment. Instead of appearing in person at the hearing, the board may allow the property owner, or the property owner's representative, at the request of either person, to appear before the board, under oath, by telephone or to submit written statements, under oath, to the

board. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, ~~osteopath~~, physician assistant, as defined in s. 448.01 (6), or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16 (2) that confirms their illness or disability. At the request of the property owner or the property owner's representative, the board may postpone and reschedule a hearing under this subsection, but may not postpone and reschedule a hearing more than once during the same session for the same property. The board at such hearing shall proceed as follows:

SECTION 17. 97.67 (5m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

97.67 (5m) (a) 3. A physician assistant licensed under subch. II VIII of ch. 448.

SECTION 18. 118.2925 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.2925 (1) (f) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under s. 448.04 (1) ~~(f)~~ 448.974.

SECTION 19. 146.81 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

146.81 (1) (d) A physician, ~~physician assistant~~, perfusionist, or respiratory care practitioner licensed or certified under subch. II of ch. 448.

SECTION 20. 146.81 (1) (eu) of the statutes is created to read:

146.81 (1) (eu) A physician assistant licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.

SECTION 21. 146.82 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

146.82 (3) (a) Notwithstanding sub. (1), a physician, a physician assistant, ~~as defined in s. 448.01 (6)~~, or an advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16 (2) who treats a patient whose physical or mental condition in the physician's, physician assistant's, or advanced practice nurse prescriber's judgment affects the patient's ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle may report the patient's name and other information relevant to the condition to the department of transportation without the informed consent of the patient.

SECTION 22. 146.89 (1) (r) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

146.89 (1) (r) 1. Licensed as a physician under ch. 448, a dentist or dental hygienist under ch. 447, a registered nurse, practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441, an optometrist under ch. 449, a physician assistant under subch. VIII of ch. 448, a pharmacist under ch. 450, a chiropractor under ch. 446, a podiatrist under subch. IV of ch. 448, or a physical therapist under subch. III of ch. 448.

SECTION 23. 146.997 (1) (d) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

146.997 (1) (d) 5. An occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physician assistant or respiratory care practitioner licensed or certified under ch. 448.

SECTION 24. 154.01 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

154.01 (3) (intro.) "Health care professional" means ~~who is, or who holds a compact privilege under subch. IX of ch. 448~~ any of the following:

SECTION 25. 154.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

154.03 (2) The department shall prepare and provide copies of the declaration and accompanying information for distribution in quantities to persons licensed, certified, or registered under ch. 441, 448, or 455, persons who hold a compact privilege under subch. X of ch. 448, hospitals, nursing homes, county clerks and local bar associations and individually to private persons. The department shall include, in information accompanying the declaration, at least the statutory definitions of terms used in the declaration, statutory restrictions on who may be witnesses to a valid declaration, a statement explaining that valid witnesses acting in good faith are statutorily immune from civil or criminal liability, an instruction to potential declarants to read and understand the information before completing the declaration and a statement explaining that an instrument may, but need not be, filed with the register in probate of the declarant's county of residence. The department may charge a reasonable fee for the cost of preparation and distribution. The declaration distributed by the department of health services shall be easy to read, the type size may be no smaller than 10 point, and the declaration shall be in the following form, setting forth on the first page the wording before the ATTENTION statement and setting forth on the 2nd page the ATTENTION statement and remaining wording:

DECLARATION TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
(WISCONSIN LIVING WILL)

I,....., being of sound mind, voluntarily state my desire that my dying not be prolonged under the circumstances specified in this document. Under those circumstances, I direct that I be permitted to die naturally. If I am unable to give directions regarding the use of life-sustaining procedures or feeding tubes, I intend that my family and physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse honor this document as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment.

1. If I have a TERMINAL CONDITION, as determined by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who has personally examined me, and if a physician who has also personally examined me agrees with that determination, I do not want my dying to be artificially prolonged and I do not want life-sustaining procedures to be used. In addition, the following are my directions regarding the use of feeding tubes:

.... YES, I want feeding tubes used if I have a terminal condition.

.... NO, I do not want feeding tubes used if I have a terminal condition.

If you have not checked either box, feeding tubes will be used.

2. If I am in a PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, as determined by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who has personally examined me, and if a physician who has also personally examined me agrees with that determination, the following are my directions regarding the use of life-sustaining procedures:

.... YES, I want life-sustaining procedures used if I am in a persistent vegetative state.

.... NO, I do not want life-sustaining procedures used if I am in a persistent vegetative state.

If you have not checked either box, life-sustaining procedures will be used.

3. If I am in a PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, as determined by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who has personally examined me, and if a physician who has also personally examined me agrees with that determination, the following are my directions regarding the use of feeding tubes:

.... YES, I want feeding tubes used if I am in a persistent vegetative state.

.... NO, I do not want feeding tubes used if I am in a persistent vegetative state.

If you have not checked either box, feeding tubes will be used.

If you are interested in more information about the significant terms used in this document, see section 154.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes or the information accompanying this document.

ATTENTION: You and the 2 witnesses must sign the document at the same time.

Signed Date

Address Date of birth

I believe that the person signing this document is of sound mind. I am an adult and am not related to the person signing this document by blood, marriage or adoption. I am not entitled to and do not have a claim on any portion of the person's estate and am not otherwise restricted by law from being a witness.

Witness signature Date signed

Print name

Witness signature Date signed

Print name

DIRECTIVES TO ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE

1. This document authorizes the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures or of feeding tubes when a physician and another physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, one of whom is the attending health care professional, have personally examined and certified in writing that the patient has a terminal condition or is in a persistent vegetative state.

2. The choices in this document were made by a competent adult. Under the law, the patient's stated desires must be followed unless you believe that withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining procedures or feeding tubes would cause the patient pain or reduced comfort and that the pain or discomfort cannot be alleviated through pain relief measures. If the patient's stated desires are that life-sustaining procedures or feeding tubes be used, this directive must be followed.

3. If you feel that you cannot comply with this document, you must make a good faith attempt to transfer the patient to another physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who will comply. Refusal or failure to make a good faith attempt to do so constitutes unprofessional conduct.

4. If you know that the patient is pregnant, this document has no effect during her pregnancy.

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The person making this living will may use the following space to record the names of those individuals and health care providers to whom he or she has given copies of this document:

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SECTION 26. 154.07 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

154.07 (1) (a) (intro.) No health care professional, inpatient health care facility or person licensed, certified, or registered under ch. 441, 448, or 455, or a person who holds a compact privilege under subch. X of ch. 448 acting under the direction of a health care professional may be held criminally or civilly liable, or charged with unprofessional conduct, for any of the following:

SECTION 27. 165.77 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

165.77 (1) (a) "Health care professional" means a person licensed, certified, or registered under ch. 441, 448, or 455 or a person who holds a compact privilege under subch. X of ch. 448.

SECTION 28. 252.01 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 29. 255.07 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

255.07 (1) (d) "Health care practitioner" means a physician, a physician assistant licensed under s. 448.04 (1)-(f), or an advanced practice nurse who is certified to issue prescription orders under s. 441.16.

SECTION 30. 343.16 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (5) (a) The secretary may require any applicant for a license or any licensed operator to submit to a special examination by such persons or agencies as the secretary may direct to determine incompetency, physical or mental disability, disease, or any other condition that might prevent such applicant or licensed person from exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor

vehicle. If the department requires the applicant to submit to an examination, the applicant shall pay for the examination. If the department receives an application for a renewal or duplicate license after voluntary surrender under s. 343.265 or receives a report from a physician, physician assistant, as defined in s. 448.01 (6), advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16 (2), or optometrist under s. 146.82 (3), or if the department has a report of 2 or more arrests within a one-year period for any combination of violations of s. 346.63 (1) or (5) or a local ordinance in conformity with s. 346.63 (1) or (5) or a law of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state in conformity with s. 346.63 (1) or (5), or s. 346.63 (1m), 1985 stats., or s. 346.63 (2) or (6) or 940.25, or s. 940.09 where the offense involved the use of a vehicle, the department shall determine, by interview or otherwise, whether the operator should submit to an examination under this section. The examination may consist of an assessment. If the examination indicates that education or treatment for a disability, disease or condition concerning the use of alcohol, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog is appropriate, the department may order a driver safety plan in accordance with s. 343.30 (1q). If there is non-compliance with assessment or the driver safety plan, the department shall revoke the person's operating privilege in the manner specified in s. 343.30 (1q) (d).

SECTION 31. 440.035 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

440.035 (2m) (b) The medical examining board, the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board, the podiatry affiliated credentialing board, the board of nursing, the dentistry examining board, or the optometry examining board may issue guidelines regarding best practices in prescribing controlled substances for persons credentialed by that board who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances.

SECTION 32. 440.035 (2m) (c) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

440.035 (2m) (c) 1. (intro.) The medical examining board, the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board, the podiatry affiliated credentialing board, the board of nursing, the dentistry examining board, and the optometry examining board shall, by November 1, 2018, and annually thereafter of each year, submit a report to the persons specified in subd. 2. that does all of the following:

SECTION 33. 448.01 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 34. 448.015 (4) (am) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

448.015 (4) (am) 2. Any act by a physician ~~or physician assistant~~ in violation of ch. 450 or 961.

SECTION 35. 448.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.02 (1) LICENSE. The board may grant licenses, including various classes of temporary licenses, to prac-

tice medicine and surgery, to practice as an administrative physician, to practice perfusion, and to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, ~~and to practice as a physician assistant.~~

SECTION 36. 448.03 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 37. 448.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.03 (2) (a) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, certificate or certification granted to practice midwifery under subch. XIII of ch. 440, to practice professional or practical nursing or nurse-midwifery under ch. 441, to practice chiropractic under ch. 446, to practice dentistry or dental hygiene under ch. 447, to practice optometry under ch. 449, to practice as a physician assistant under subch. VIII, to practice acupuncture under ch. 451 or under any other statutory provision, or as otherwise provided by statute.

SECTION 38. 448.03 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.03 (2) (e) Any person other than ~~a physician assistant or an anesthesiologist assistant~~ who is providing patient services as directed, supervised and inspected by a physician who has the power to direct, decide and oversee the implementation of the patient services rendered.

SECTION 39. 448.03 (2) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.03 (2) (k) Any persons, other than ~~physician assistants, anesthesiologist assistants, or perfusionists, who assist physicians.~~

SECTION 40. 448.03 (3) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 41. 448.03 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.03 (5) (b) No physician ~~or physician assistant~~ shall be liable for any civil damages for either of the following:

1. Reporting in good faith to the department of transportation under s. 146.82 (3) a patient's name and other information relevant to a physical or mental condition of the patient which in the physician's ~~or physician assistant's~~ judgment impairs the patient's ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle.

2. In good faith, not reporting to the department of transportation under s. 146.82 (3) a patient's name and other information relevant to a physical or mental condition of the patient which in the physician's ~~or physician assistant's~~ judgment does not impair the patient's ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle.

SECTION 42. 448.035 (2) to (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

448.035 (2) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 448.30, a physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber may provide expedited partner therapy if the patient is diagnosed as infected with a chlamydial infection, gonorrhea, or tri-

chomoniasis and the patient has had sexual contact with a sexual partner during which the chlamydial infection, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis may have been transmitted to or from the sexual partner. The physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber shall attempt to obtain the name of the patient's sexual partner. A prescription order for an antimicrobial drug prepared under this subsection shall include the name and address of the patient's sexual partner, if known. If the physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber is unable to obtain the name of the patient's sexual partner, the prescription order shall include, in ordinary bold-faced capital letters, the words, "expedited partner therapy" or the letters "EPT."

(3) The physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber shall provide the patient with a copy of the information sheet prepared by the department of health services under s. 46.03 (44) and shall request that the patient give the information sheet to the person with whom the patient had sexual contact.

(4) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber is immune from civil liability for injury to or the death of a person who takes any antimicrobial drug if the antimicrobial drug is prescribed, dispensed, or furnished under this section and if expedited partner therapy is provided as specified under this section.

(b) The immunity under par. (a) does not extend to the donation, distribution, furnishing, or dispensing of an antimicrobial drug by a physician, ~~physician assistant~~, or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber whose act or omission involves reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

SECTION 43. 448.037 (2) (a) (intro.) and (b) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

448.037 (2) (a) (intro.) A physician ~~or physician assistant~~ may do any of the following:

(b) A physician ~~or physician assistant~~ who prescribes or delivers an opioid antagonist under par. (a) 1. shall ensure that the person to whom the opioid antagonist is prescribed has or has the capacity to provide the knowledge and training necessary to safely administer the opioid antagonist to an individual undergoing an opioid-related overdose and that the person demonstrates the capacity to ensure that any individual to whom the person further delivers the opioid antagonist has or receives that knowledge and training.

(3) A physician ~~or physician assistant~~ who, acting in good faith, prescribes or delivers an opioid antagonist in accordance with sub. (2), or who, acting in good faith, otherwise lawfully prescribes or dispenses an opioid antagonist, shall be immune from criminal or civil liability and may not be subject to professional discipline under s. 448.02 for any outcomes resulting from prescribing, delivering, or dispensing the opioid antagonist.

SECTION 44. 448.04 (1) (f) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 45. 448.05 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 46. 448.20 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 47. 448.21 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 48. 448.40 (2) (f) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 49. 448.62 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.62 (7) A physician assistant who is acting under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist, subject to s. 448.21 (4) ~~448.975 (2) (a) 2m.~~, or an individual to whom the physician assistant delegates a task or order under s. 448.975 (4).

SECTION 50. 448.695 (4) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

448.695 (4) (a) Practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry as provided in s. 448.21 (4) ~~448.975 (2) (a) 2m.~~

(b) Requirements for a podiatrist who is supervising a physician assistant as provided in s. 448.21 (4) ~~448.975 (2) (a) 2m.~~

SECTION 51. 448.970 of the statutes is renumbered 448.9695.

SECTION 52. Subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.971] of the statutes is created to read:

CHAPTER 448

SUBCHAPTER VIII

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

448.971 Definitions. In this subchapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Board" means the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board.

(2) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under this subchapter.

(3) "Podiatrist" has the meaning given in s. 448.60 (3).

(4) "Podiatry" has the meaning given in s. 448.60 (4).

448.972 License required; exceptions. (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (3), no person may represent himself or herself as a "PA" or "physician assistant," use or assume the title "PA" or "physician assistant," or append to the person's name the words or letters "physician assistant," "PA," "PA-C," or any other titles, letters, or designation that represents or may tend to represent the person as a physician assistant, unless he or she is licensed by the board under this subchapter.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to any of the following:

(a) An individual employed and duly credentialed as a physician assistant or physician associate by the federal government while performing duties incident to that employment, unless a license under this subchapter is required by the federal government.

(b) A person who satisfies the requirement under s. 448.974 (1) (a) 3. but who is not licensed under this subchapter. This paragraph does not allow such a person to

practice medicine and surgery in violation of s. 448.03 (1) (a) or to practice podiatry in violation of s. 448.61.

(3) A student who is enrolled in an accredited physician assistant educational program may use the title “physician assistant student,” “PA student,” or “PA-S.”

448.9725 Expedited partner therapy. (1) In this section:

(b) “Antimicrobial drug” has the meaning given in s. 448.035 (1) (b).

(c) “Expedited partner therapy” has the meaning given in s. 448.035 (1) (c).

(2) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 448.9785, a physician assistant may provide expedited partner therapy if a patient is diagnosed as infected with a chlamydial infection, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis and the patient has had sexual contact with a sexual partner during which the chlamydial infection, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis may have been transmitted to or from the sexual partner. The physician assistant shall attempt to obtain the name of the patient’s sexual partner. A prescription order for an antimicrobial drug prepared under this subsection shall include the name and address of the patient’s sexual partner, if known. If the physician assistant is unable to obtain the name of the patient’s sexual partner, the prescription order shall include, in ordinary, bold-faced capital letters, the words, “expedited partner therapy” or the letters “EPT.”

(3) The physician assistant shall provide the patient with a copy of the information sheet prepared by the department of health services under s. 46.03 (44) and shall request that the patient give the information sheet to the person with whom the patient had sexual contact.

(4) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a physician assistant is immune from civil liability for injury to or the death of a person who takes any antimicrobial drug if the antimicrobial drug is prescribed, dispensed, or furnished under this section and if expedited partner therapy is provided as specified under this section.

(b) The immunity under par. (a) does not extend to the donation, distribution, furnishing, or dispensing of an antimicrobial drug by a physician assistant whose act or omission involves reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

448.9727 Prescriptions for and delivery of opioid antagonists. (1) In this section:

(a) “Administer” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (1).

(b) “Deliver” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (5).

(c) “Dispense” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (7).

(d) “Opioid antagonist” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (13v).

(e) “Opioid-related drug overdose” has the meaning given in s. 256.40 (1) (d).

(f) “Standing order” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (21p).

(2) (a) A physician assistant may do any of the following:

1. Prescribe an opioid antagonist to a person in a position to assist an individual at risk of undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose and may deliver the opioid antagonist to that person. A prescription order under this subdivision need not specify the name and address of the individual to whom the opioid antagonist will be administered, but shall instead specify the name of the person to whom the opioid antagonist is prescribed.

2. Issue a standing order to one or more persons authorizing the dispensing of an opioid antagonist.

(b) A physician assistant who prescribes or delivers an opioid antagonist under par. (a) 1. shall ensure that the person to whom the opioid antagonist is prescribed has or has the capacity to provide the knowledge and training necessary to safely administer the opioid antagonist to an individual undergoing an opioid-related overdose and that the person demonstrates the capacity to ensure that any individual to whom the person further delivers the opioid antagonist has or receives that knowledge and training.

(3) A physician assistant who, acting in good faith, prescribes or delivers an opioid antagonist in accordance with sub. (2) or who, acting in good faith, otherwise lawfully prescribes or dispenses an opioid antagonist shall be immune from criminal or civil liability and may not be subject to professional discipline under s. 448.978 for any outcomes resulting from prescribing, delivering, or dispensing the opioid antagonist.

448.973 Powers and duties of board. (1) (a) The board shall promulgate rules implementing s. 448.9785.

(b) The board shall promulgate rules establishing continuing education requirements for physician assistants.

(c) The board may promulgate other rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, including any of the following:

1. Rules defining what constitutes unprofessional conduct for physician assistants for purposes of s. 448.978 (2) (d).

2. Rules under s. 448.977 (2).

(2) The board shall include in the register the board maintains under s. 440.035 (1m) (d) the names of all persons whose licenses issued under this subchapter were suspended or revoked within the past 2 years. The register shall be available for purchase at cost.

448.974 License; renewal. (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the board shall grant an initial license to practice as a physician assistant to any applicant who is found qualified by three-fourths of the members of the board and satisfies all of the following requirements, as determined by the board:

1. The applicant submits an application on a form provided by the department and pays the initial credential fee determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a).

2. The applicant is at least 18 years of age.

3. The applicant provides evidence of one of the following:

a. That the applicant has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistants or physician associates that is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor or, prior to 2001, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

b. If the applicant does not satisfy subd. 3. a., that the applicant, prior to January 1, 1986, successfully passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

4. The applicant passes the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants examination or an equivalent national examination adopted by the board.

5. The applicant provides a listing with all employers, practice settings, internships, residencies, fellowships, and other employment for the past 7 years.

6. Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, the applicant does not have an arrest or conviction record.

(b) Paragraph (a) 3. does not apply to an applicant if the applicant provides evidence that he or she is licensed as a physician assistant or physician associate in another state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and the board determines that the requirements for obtaining the license in that state or territory are substantially equivalent to the requirements under par. (a).

(2) (a) The renewal date for a license issued under this subchapter is specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), and the renewal fees for such licenses are determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). Renewal of a license is subject to par. (b).

(b) An applicant for the renewal of a license under this subchapter shall submit with his or her application for renewal proof of having satisfied the continuing education requirements imposed by the board under s. 448.973 (1) (b). This paragraph does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the board initially granted the license.

(3) Notwithstanding sub. (1), an individual who, on the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], was licensed by the medical examining board as a physician assistant under subch. II of ch. 448, 2019 stats., shall be considered to have been licensed under sub. (1) for purposes of this subchapter.

448.975 Practice and employment. (1) (a) Subject to the limitations and requirements under sub. (2); the physician assistant's experience, education, and training;

and any rules promulgated under sub. (5), a physician assistant may do any of the following:

1. Examine into the fact, condition, or cause of human health or disease, or treat, operate, prescribe, or advise for the same, by any means or instrumentality.

2. Apply principles or techniques of medical sciences in the diagnosis or prevention of any of the conditions described in subd. 1. and in s. 448.971 (2).

3. Penetrate, pierce, or sever the tissues of a human being.

4. Offer, undertake, attempt, or hold himself or herself out in any manner as able to do any of the acts described in this paragraph.

(b) 1. Subject to subd. 2. and any rules promulgated by the board and consistent with his or her experience, education, and training, a physician assistant may order, prescribe, procure, dispense, and administer prescription drugs, medical devices, services, and supplies.

2. A physician assistant practicing under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist under sub. (2) (a) 2m. may issue a prescription order for a drug or device in accordance with guidelines established by the supervising podiatrist and the physician assistant and with rules promulgated by the board. If any conflict exists between the guidelines and the rules, the rules shall control.

(c) A physician assistant may practice in ambulatory care, acute care, long-term care, home care, or other settings as a primary, specialty, or surgical care provider who may serve as a patient's primary care provider or specialty care provider.

(2) (a) 1. Except as provided in subds. 2m. and 3. and sub. (5) (a) 1. a. or b., a physician assistant who provides care to patients shall maintain and provide to the board upon request one of the following:

a. Evidence that, pursuant to the physician assistant's employment, there is a physician who is primarily responsible for the overall direction and management of the physician assistant's professional activities and for assuring that the services provided by the physician assistant are medically appropriate. In this subd. 1. a., "employment" includes an arrangement between the physician assistant and a 3rd party in which the 3rd party receives payment for services provided by the physician assistant.

b. A written collaborative agreement with a physician that, subject to subd. 1m., describes the physician assistant's individual scope of practice, that includes a protocol for identifying an alternative collaborating physician for situations in which the collaborating physician or the physician's designee is not available for consultation, and that includes other information as required by the board.

1m. All of the following apply to a written collaborative agreement between a physician and physician assistant under subd. 1. b.:

a. The agreement may be terminated by either party by providing written notice at least 30 days prior to the date of termination, or as otherwise agreed to by the physician and physician assistant.

b. The agreement shall specify that the collaborating physician shall remain reasonably available to the physician assistant through the use of telecommunications or other electronic means within a medically appropriate time frame and that the collaborating physician may designate an alternate collaborator during periods of unavailability.

c. The agreement shall specify an arrangement for physician consultation with the patient within a medically appropriate time frame for consultation, if requested by the patient or the physician assistant.

d. The agreement shall be signed by the physician assistant and the collaborating physician.

2. Subdivision 1. does not require the physical presence of a physician at the time and place a physician assistant renders a service.

2m. A physician assistant may practice under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist. A physician assistant who is practicing under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist shall be limited to providing non-surgical patient services. Subdivision 1. does not apply to a physician assistant who is practicing under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist.

3. Subdivision 1. does not apply with respect to a physician assistant who is employed by the federal government as a civilian or member of the uniformed services while performing duties incident to that employment or service.

(b) A physician assistant shall limit his or her practice to the scope of his or her experience, education, and training.

(c) No physician assistant may provide medical care, except routine screening and emergency care, in any of the following:

1. The practice of dentistry or dental hygiene within the meaning of ch. 447.

2. The practice of optometry within the meaning of ch. 449.

3. The practice of chiropractic within the meaning of ch. 446.

4. The practice of acupuncture within the meaning of ch. 451.

5. The practice of podiatry, except when the physician assistant is acting under the supervision and direction of a podiatrist, subject to par. (a) 2m. and the rules promulgated under s. 448.695 (4).

(3) (a) It shall be the obligation of a physician assistant to ensure all of the following:

1. That the scope of the practice of the physician assistant is identified and is appropriate with respect to his or her experience, education, and training.

2. For purposes of sub. (2) (a) 1. b., that the relationship with and access to a collaborating physician by the physician assistant is defined.

3. That the requirements and standards of licensure under this subchapter are complied with.

4. That consultation with or referral to other licensed health care providers with a scope of practice appropriate for a patient's care needs occurs when the patient's care needs exceed the physician assistant's experience, education, or training. A physician assistant shall ensure that he or she has awareness of options for the management of situations that are beyond the physician assistant's expertise.

(b) A physician assistant is individually and independently responsible for the quality of the care he or she renders.

(4) A physician assistant may delegate a care task or order to another clinically trained health care worker if the physician assistant is competent to perform the delegated task or order and has reasonable evidence that the clinically trained health care worker is minimally competent to perform the task or issue the order under the circumstances.

(5) (a) 1. The board shall, subject to subd. 2. and s. 448.695 (4), promulgate any rules necessary to implement this section, including rules to do any of the following:

a. Allow for temporary practice, specifically defined and actively monitored by the board, in the event of an interruption of a collaborative relationship under sub. (2) (a) 1. b.

b. Allow a physician assistant, in the absence of an employment or collaborative relationship under sub. (2) (a) 1., to provide medical care at the scene of an emergency, during a declared state of emergency or other disaster, or when volunteering at sporting events or at camps.

2. Rules promulgated by the board may not permit a broader scope of practice than that which may be exercised in accordance with subs. (1) and (2). Notwithstanding s. 15.085 (5) (b) 2., if the Medical Examining Board reasonably determines that a rule submitted to it by the Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board under s. 15.085 (5) (b) 1. permits a broader scope of practice than that which may be exercised in accordance with subs. (1) and (2), then the Physician Assistant Examining Board shall, prior to submitting the proposed rule to the legislative council staff under s. 227.15 (1), revise the proposed rule so that it does not exceed or permit a broader scope of practice than that which may be exercised in accordance with subs. (1) and (2).

(b) The board shall develop and recommend to the podiatry affiliated credentialing board practice standards for physician assistants practicing under podiatrists under sub. (2) (a) 2m.

(6) The practice permissions provided in this section are permissions granted by the state authorizing the licensed practice of physician assistants. Nothing in this section prohibits an employer, hospital, health plan, or other similar entity employing or with a relationship with a physician assistant from establishing additional requirements for a physician assistant as a condition of employment or relationship.

448.976 Civil liability. No physician assistant shall be liable for any civil damages for either of the following:

(1) Reporting in good faith to the department of transportation under s. 146.82 (3) a patient's name and other information relevant to a physical or mental condition of the patient that in the physician assistant's judgment impairs the patient's ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle.

(2) In good faith, not reporting to the department of transportation under s. 146.82 (3) a patient's name and other information relevant to a physical or mental condition of the patient that in the physician assistant's judgment does not impair the patient's ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle.

448.977 Malpractice liability insurance. (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (3), no physician assistant may practice as authorized under s. 448.975 unless he or she has in effect malpractice liability insurance coverage evidenced by one of the following:

(a) Personal liability coverage in the amounts specified for health care providers under s. 655.23 (4).

(b) Coverage under a group liability policy providing individual coverage for the physician assistant in the amounts under s. 655.23 (4).

(2) The board may promulgate rules requiring a practicing physician assistant to have in effect malpractice liability insurance coverage in amounts greater than those specified in sub. (1) (a) or (b) or (4). If the board promulgates rules under this subsection, no physician assistant may practice as authorized under s. 448.975 unless he or she has in effect malpractice liability insurance coverage as required under those rules, except as provided in sub. (3).

(3) A physician assistant who is a state, county, or municipal employee, or federal employee or contractor covered under the federal tort claims act, as amended, and who is acting within the scope of his or her employment or contractual duties is not required to maintain in effect malpractice insurance coverage.

(4) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (3), a physician assistant may comply with sub. (1) if the physician assistant's employer has in effect malpractice liability insurance that is at least the minimum amount specified under s. 655.23 (4) and that provides coverage for claims against the physician assistant.

448.978 Professional discipline. (1) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the board may conduct investigations and hearings to determine

whether a person has violated this subchapter or a rule promulgated under this subchapter.

(2) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), if a person who applies for or holds a license issued under s. 448.974 does any of the following, the board may reprimand the person or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke the person's license:

(a) Makes a material misstatement in an application for a license or an application for renewal of a license under s. 448.974.

(b) Violates any law of this state or federal law that substantially relates to the practice of a physician assistant, violates this subchapter, or violates a rule promulgated under this subchapter.

(c) Advertises, practices, or attempts to practice under another person's name.

(d) Engages in unprofessional conduct. In this paragraph, "unprofessional conduct" does not include any of the following:

1. Providing expedited partner therapy as described in s. 448.9725.

2. Prescribing or delivering an opioid antagonist in accordance with s. 448.9727 (2).

(e) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, is arrested for or convicted of a felony.

(f) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.34, practices as a physician assistant while his or her ability is impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

(g) Engages in fraud or deceit in obtaining or using his or her license.

(h) Is adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court.

(i) Demonstrates gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in practice.

(j) Knowingly, recklessly, or negligently divulges a privileged communication or other confidential patient health care information except as required or permitted by state or federal law.

(k) Fails to cooperate with the board, or fails to timely respond to a request for information by the board, in connection with an investigation under this section.

(L) Prescribes, sells, administers, distributes, orders, or provides a controlled substance for a purpose other than a medical purpose.

(m) Demonstrates a lack of physical or mental ability to safely practice as a physician assistant.

(n) Engages in any practice that is outside the scope of his or her experience, education, or training.

(o) Is disciplined or has been disciplined by another state or jurisdiction based upon acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct prohibited under pars. (a) to (n).

448.9785 Informed consent. Any physician assistant who treats a patient shall inform the patient about the availability of reasonable alternate medical modes of treatment and about the benefits and risks of these treatments. The reasonable physician assistant standard is the standard for informing a patient under this section. The

reasonable physician assistant standard requires disclosure only of information that a reasonable physician assistant in the same or a similar medical specialty would know and disclose under the circumstances. The physician assistant's duty to inform the patient under this section does not require disclosure of any of the following:

- (1) Detailed technical information that in all probability a patient would not understand.
- (2) Risks apparent or known to the patient.
- (3) Extremely remote possibilities that might falsely or detrimentally alarm the patient.
- (4) Information in emergencies where failure to provide treatment would be more harmful to the patient than treatment.
- (5) Information in cases where the patient is incapable of consenting.
- (6) Information about alternate medical modes of treatment for any condition the physician assistant has not included in his or her diagnosis at the time the physician informs the patient.

448.979 Penalties. Any person who violates this subchapter is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 9 months, or both.

448.9793 Injunction. If it appears upon complaint to the board by any person or if it is known to the board that any person is violating this subchapter, or rules adopted by the board under this subchapter, the board or the attorney general may investigate and may, in addition to any other remedies, bring action in the name and on behalf of the state against any such person to enjoin such person from such violation. The attorney general shall represent the board in all proceedings.

448.9795 Duty to report. (1) A physician assistant who has reason to believe any of the following about another physician assistant shall promptly submit a written report to the board that includes facts relating to the conduct of the other physician assistant:

- (a) The other physician assistant is engaging or has engaged in acts that constitute a pattern of unprofessional conduct.
- (b) The other physician assistant is engaging or has engaged in an act that creates an immediate or continuing danger to one or more patients or to the public.
- (c) The other physician assistant is or may be medically incompetent.
- (d) The other physician assistant is or may be mentally or physically unable safely to engage in the practice of a physician assistant.

(2) No physician assistant who reports to the board under sub. (1) may be held civilly or criminally liable or be found guilty of unprofessional conduct for reporting in good faith.

SECTION 53. Subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.980] of the statutes is renumbered subchapter IX of chapter 448 [precedes 448.980].

SECTION 54. Subchapter IX of chapter 448 [precedes 448.985] of the statutes is renumbered subchapter X of chapter 448 [precedes 448.985].

SECTION 55. 450.01 (15r) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 56. 450.01 (16) (hm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

450.01 (16) (hm) 3. The patient's physician assistant, ~~if the physician assistant is under the supervision of the patient's personal attending physician.~~

SECTION 57. 450.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1) DISPENSING. Except as provided in sub. (1i) (b) 2., no person may dispense any prescribed drug or device except upon the prescription order of a practitioner. All prescription orders shall, except as provided in sub. (1a), specify the date of issue, the name and address of the practitioner, the name and quantity of the drug product or device prescribed, directions for the use of the drug product or device, the symptom or purpose for which the drug is being prescribed if required under sub. (4) (a) 8., and, if the order is written by the practitioner, the signature of the practitioner. Except as provided in ss. 118.2925 (3), 255.07 (2), 441.18 (2) (a) 1., 448.035 (2), ~~and 448.037 (2) (a) 1., 448.9725 (2), and 448.9727 (2) (a) 1.~~ and except for standing orders issued under s. 441.18 (2) (a) 2. ~~or 448.037 (2) (a) 2., or 448.9727 (2) (a) 2.,~~ all prescription orders shall also specify the name and address of the patient. A prescription order issued under s. 118.2925 (3) shall specify the name and address of the school. A prescription order issued under s. 255.07 (2) shall specify the name and address of the authorized entity or authorized individual. Any oral prescription order shall be immediately reduced to writing by the pharmacist and filed according to sub. (2).

SECTION 58. 450.11 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1g) (b) A pharmacist may, upon the prescription order of a practitioner providing expedited partner therapy, as specified in s. 448.035 ~~or 448.9725~~, that complies with the requirements of sub. (1), dispense an antimicrobial drug as a course of therapy for treatment of chlamydial infections, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis to the practitioner's patient or a person with whom the patient has had sexual contact for use by the person with whom the patient has had sexual contact. The pharmacist shall provide a consultation in accordance with rules promulgated by the board for the dispensing of a prescription to the person to whom the antimicrobial drug is dispensed. A pharmacist providing a consultation under this paragraph shall ask whether the person for whom the antimicrobial drug has been prescribed is allergic to the antimicrobial drug and advise that the person for whom the antimicrobial drug has been prescribed must discontinue use of the antimicrobial drug if the person is allergic

to or develops signs of an allergic reaction to the antimicrobial drug.

SECTION 59. 450.11 (1i) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1i) (a) 1. A pharmacist may, upon and in accordance with the prescription order of an advanced practice nurse prescriber under s. 441.18 (2) (a) 1., ~~or of a physician or physician assistant under s. 448.037 (2) (a) 1., or of a physician assistant under s. 448.9727 (2) (a) 1.~~ that complies with the requirements of sub. (1), deliver an opioid antagonist to a person specified in the prescription order and may, upon and in accordance with the standing order of an advanced practice nurse prescriber under s. 441.18 (2) (a) 2., ~~or of a physician or physician assistant under s. 448.037 (2) (a) 2., or of a physician assistant under s. 448.9727 (2) (a) 2.~~ that complies with the requirements of sub. (1), deliver an opioid antagonist to an individual in accordance with the order. The pharmacist shall provide a consultation in accordance with rules promulgated by the board for the delivery of a prescription to the person to whom the opioid antagonist is delivered.

SECTION 60. 450.11 (1i) (b) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1i) (b) 2. c. A ~~physician or physician assistant~~ may only deliver or dispense an opioid antagonist in accordance with s. 448.037 (2) or in accordance with his or her other legal authority to dispense prescription drugs.

SECTION 61. 450.11 (1i) (b) 2. cm. of the statutes is created to read:

450.11 (1i) (b) 2. cm. A physician assistant may only deliver or dispense an opioid antagonist in accordance with s. 448.9727 (2) or in accordance with his or her other legal authority to dispense prescription drugs.

SECTION 62. 450.11 (1i) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (1i) (c) 2. Subject to par. (a) 2. and ss. 441.18 (3) ~~and~~ 448.037 (3), ~~and 448.9727 (3)~~, any person who, acting in good faith, delivers or dispenses an opioid antagonist to another person shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for any outcomes resulting from delivering or dispensing the opioid antagonist.

SECTION 63. 450.11 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.11 (8) (b) The medical examining board, insofar as this section applies to physicians ~~and physician assistants~~.

SECTION 64. 450.11 (8) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

450.11 (8) (f) The physician assistant affiliated credentialing board, insofar as this section applies to physician assistants.

SECTION 65. 462.02 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

462.02 (2) (e) A physician assistant licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (f) ~~448.974~~.

SECTION 66. 462.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

462.04 Prescription or order required. A person who holds a license or limited X-ray machine operator permit under this chapter may not use diagnostic X-ray equipment on humans for diagnostic purposes unless authorized to do so by prescription or order of a physician licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (a), a dentist licensed under s. 447.04 (1), a podiatrist licensed under s. 448.63, a chiropractor licensed under s. 446.02, an advanced practice nurse certified under s. 441.16 (2), a physician assistant licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (f) ~~448.974~~, or, subject to s. 448.56 (7) (a), a physical therapist who is licensed under s. 448.53 or who holds a compact privilege under subch. ~~IX~~ X of ch. 448.

SECTION 67. 961.01 (19) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

961.01 (19) (a) A physician, advanced practice nurse, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, optometrist, scientific investigator or, subject to s. 448.21 (3) ~~448.975 (1) (b)~~, a physician assistant, or other person licensed, registered, certified or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, administer or use in teaching or chemical analysis a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this state.

SECTION 68. 971.14 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

971.14 (4) (a) The court shall cause copies of the report to be delivered forthwith to the district attorney and the defense counsel, or the defendant personally if not represented by counsel. Upon the request of the sheriff or jailer charged with care and control of the jail in which the defendant is being held pending or during a trial or sentencing proceeding, the court shall cause a copy of the report to be delivered to the sheriff or jailer. The sheriff or jailer may provide a copy of the report to the person who is responsible for maintaining medical records for inmates of the jail, or to a nurse licensed under ch. 441, ~~or to a physician or physician assistant licensed under subch. II of ch. 448, or to a physician assistant licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448~~ who is a health care provider for the defendant or who is responsible for providing health care services to inmates of the jail. The report shall not be otherwise disclosed prior to the hearing under this subsection.

SECTION 69. 990.01 (27s) of the statutes is created to read:

990.01 (27s) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT. "Physician assistant" means a person licensed as a physician assistant under subch. VIII of ch. 448.

SECTION 70. Chapter Med 8 of the administrative code is repealed.

SECTION 71. Cross-reference changes. In ss. 49.45 (9r) (a) 7. b., 146.81 (1) (dg), 146.997 (1) (d) 4., 155.01 (7), 252.14 (1) (ar) 4e., 446.01 (1v) (d), 448.956 (1m) and (4), 450.10 (3) (a) 5., and 451.02 (1), the cross-references to “subch. IX of ch. 448” are changed to “subch. X of ch. 448.”

SECTION 72. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) BOARD; APPOINTMENTS.

(a) Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the members of the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board under s. 15.406 (7), 4 of the initial members under s. 15.406 (7) (a) shall be appointed for terms expiring on July 1, 2023; 3 of the initial members under s. 15.406 (7) (a) and the initial member under s. 15.406 (7) (b) shall be appointed for terms expiring on July 1, 2024; and the remaining initial member under s. 15.406 (7) (a) shall be appointed for a term expiring on July 1, 2025.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 15.08 (1), the governor may provisionally appoint initial members of the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board under s. 15.406 (7). Those provisional appointments remain in force until withdrawn by the governor or acted upon by the senate and if confirmed by the senate, shall continue for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, of the member and until a successor is chosen and qualifies. A provisional appointee may exercise all the powers and duties of board membership to which the person is appointed during the time in which the appointee qualifies.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 15.406 (7) (a), for purposes of an initial appointment to the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board made before the date specified in SECTION 73 (intro.) of this act, including any provisional appointment made under par. (b), the governor may appoint physician assistants licensed under subch. II of ch. 448 to the positions on the board specified under s. 15.406 (7) (a).

(2) EMERGENCY RULES.

(a) Using the procedure under s. 227.24, the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board may promulgate initial rules under ss. 448.973 (1) and 448.975 (5) (a) as emergency rules under s. 227.24 to allow for the licensure, discipline, and practice of physician assistants. The authority granted under this subsection applies only to rules described in this paragraph, and any other emergency rules promulgated by the board shall be as provided in, and subject to, s. 227.24.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

(c) Emergency rules promulgated under this subsection may not take effect prior to the date specified in SECTION 73 (intro.) of this act.

(d) Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c), emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in effect for one year, subject to extension under par. (e), or until

the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (2) (a), the joint committee for review of administrative rules may, at any time prior to the expiration date of the emergency rule promulgated under this subsection, extend the effective period of the emergency rule at the request of the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board for a period specified by the committee not to exceed 180 days. Any number of extensions may be granted under this paragraph, but the total period for all extensions may not extend beyond the expiration date of the emergency rule’s statement of scope under s. 227.135 (5). Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (2) (b) 1., the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board is not required to provide evidence that there is a threat to the public peace, health, safety, or welfare that can be avoided only by extension of the emergency rule when making a request for an extension under this subsection, but s. 227.24 (2) (am) to (c) shall otherwise apply to extensions under this paragraph.

(f) If the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board promulgates emergency rules under this subsection, the board shall submit a single statement of scope for both permanent and emergency rules.

(3) BOARD; TRANSFERS.

(a) *Tangible personal property.* On the effective date of this paragraph, all tangible personal property, including records, of the medical examining board that the secretary of safety and professional services determines to be primarily related to the regulation of physician assistants is transferred to the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board.

(b) *Pending matters.* Any matter pending with the medical examining board on the effective date of this paragraph that is primarily related to the regulation of physician assistants, as determined by the secretary of safety and professional services, is transferred to the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board. All materials submitted to or actions taken by the medical examining board with respect to the pending matter are considered as having been submitted to or taken by the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board.

(c) *Contracts.* All contracts entered into by the medical examining board in effect on the effective date of this paragraph that are primarily related to the regulation of physician assistants, as determined by the secretary of safety and professional services, remain in effect and are transferred to the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board. The physician assistant affiliated credentialing board shall carry out any obligations under such a contract until the contract is modified or rescinded by the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board to the extent allowed under the contract.

(d) *Assets and liabilities.* On the effective date of this paragraph, the assets and liabilities of the medical examining board that are primarily related to the regulation of physician assistants, as determined by the secretary of safety and professional services, become the assets and liabilities of the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board.

(e) *Orders.* All orders issued by the medical examining board in effect on the effective date of this paragraph that are primarily related to the regulation of physician assistants remain in effect until their specified expiration

dates or until modified or rescinded by the physician assistant affiliated credentialing board.

SECTION 73. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication, except as follows:

(1) The treatment of s. 15.406 (7) and SECTION 72 (1) and (2) of this act take effect on the day after publication.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 227.265, the treatment of ch. Med 8 of the administrative code takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication.

Chapter Pod 9

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Pod 9.01 Authority and scope.
Pod 9.02 Definition.

Pod 9.03 Practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry.
Pod 9.04 Requirements for a podiatrist supervising a physician assistant.

Pod 9.01 Authority and scope. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the podiatry affiliated credentialing board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.085 (5) (b) and 448.695 (2) and (4), Stats., and establish practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry as provided in s. 448.21 (4), Stats., and requirements for a podiatrist who is supervising a physician assistant as provided in s. 448.21 (4), Stats.

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Pod 9.02 Definition. In this chapter, “nonsurgical patient services” means assisting in surgery, making patient rounds, recording patient progress notes, compiling and recording detailed narrative case summaries, writing orders, and other actions and procedures in accordance with s. Med 8.07 and the education, training, experience, and credentialing of the physician assistant.

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Pod 9.03 Practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry. The practice standards for a physician assistant practicing podiatry are as provided under s. 448.21, Stats., and ss. Med 8.01 (2), 8.07, 8.09, and 8.10. The medical care a physician assistant may provide when practicing podiatry includes assisting a supervising podiatrist in a hospital or facility, as defined in s. 50.01 (1m), Stats., by providing nonsurgical patient services.

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Pod 9.04 Requirements for a podiatrist supervising a physician assistant. The requirements for a podiatrist who is supervising a physician assistant are as provided under s. 448.21, Stats., and ss. Med 8.01 (2), 8.07, 8.09, and 8.10.

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**Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board
Rule Projects (updated 02/01/24)**

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating clause	Current Stage	Next Step
22-018	034-21	09/29/2023	Pod 1 and 2	Licensure and Unprofessional Conduct	Rule Effective 08/01/23	N/A
Not Assigned Yet	Note Assigned Yet	Not Assigned Yet	Pod 9	References to Physician Assistants	Scope Statement Reviewed at 2/14/24 Meeting	Submission of Scope Statement to Governor's Office for Approval and for Publication in the Administrative Register