

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Rule No.: PA 1 to 4

Relating to: Implementation of the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

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 rules is to implement the statutory changes from 2023 Wisconsin Act 81. This will be achieved by updating the PA chapters of the Administrative Code to allow for a licensee to receive compact privileges.

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 Chapters PA 1 to 4 currently outlines requirements for Physician Assistants. As written, these chapters do not allow for a licensee to apply for or exercise compact privileges in Wisconsin. If these new rules are not implemented, then the Administrative Code will continue to be silent on the issue of compact licensure and licensees will need to look to the statute for guidance.

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

Section 15.085 (5) (b) states that “[each affiliated credentialing board] shall 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 448.973 (1) states that: “

- (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).”

Section 448.9885 (3) (b) as quoted in 2023 Wisconsin Act 81, states: “Subject to s. 448.988 and any rules promulgated thereunder, ss. 440.20 to 440.22 and the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1) shall apply to an individual who holds a compact privilege in the same manner that they apply to holders of licenses issued under subch. IX.”

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

80 hours

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

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Physician Assistant credential holders and those looking to enter the profession in Wisconsin.

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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