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**IDAPA 22  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 04**

**22.01.04 - RULES OF THE BOARD OF MEDICINE FOR REGISTRATION  
OF SUPERVISING AND DIRECTING PHYSICIANS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

Pursuant to Sections 54-1807(1)(2), 54-1814(17), 54-3902(7), and 54-3903, Idaho Code, the Idaho State Board of Medicine is authorized to promulgate rules to govern the activities of physicians and osteopathic physicians licensed in Idaho, who supervise the practice of physician assistants, graduate physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, interns, externs, residents, and athletic trainers. (3-16-04)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** The rules shall be cited as IDAPA 22.01.04, "Rules of the Board of Medicine for Registration of Supervising and Directing Physicians". (3-16-04)

**02. Scope.** These rules govern the activities of physicians and osteopathic physicians licensed in Idaho, who supervise the practice of physician assistants, graduate physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, interns, externs, residents, and athletic trainers. (3-16-04)

**002. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

All contested cases shall be governed by the provisions of IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedures of the Attorney General," and IDAPA 22.01.07, "Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Medicine". (3-16-04)

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

Written interpretations of these rules in the form of explanatory comments accompanying the notice of proposed rulemaking that originally proposed the rules and review of comments submitted in the rulemaking process in the adoption of these rules are available for review and copying at cost from the Board of Medicine, 1755 Westgate Drive, Suite 140, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0058. (3-16-04)

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

There are no documents incorporated by reference into this rule. (3-16-04)

**005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.**

The central office of the Board of Medicine will be in Boise, Idaho. The Board's mailing address, unless otherwise indicated, will be Idaho State Board of Medicine, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0058. The Board's street address is 1755 Westgate Drive, Suite 140, Boise, Idaho 83704. The telephone number of the Board is (208) 327-7000. The Board's facsimile (FAX) number is (208) 327-7005. The Board's office hours for filing documents are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (3-16-04)

**006. PUBLIC RECORD ACT COMPLIANCE.**

These rules have been promulgated according to the provisions of Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code, and are public records. (3-16-04)

**007. FILING OF DOCUMENTS -- NUMBER OF COPIES.**

All documents in rulemaking or contested case proceedings must be filed with the office of the Board. The original and ten (10) copies of all documents must be filed with the office of the Board. (3-16-04)

**008. -- 009. (RESERVED).**

**010. DEFINITIONS.**

**01. Advanced Practice Professional Nurse.** Any person duly licensed as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist pursuant to the applicable Idaho statutes and the applicable rules promulgated by the Idaho State Board of Nursing. (3-19-99)

**02. Alternate Directing Physician.** A designated Idaho licensed physician, registered with the Board pursuant to this chapter and Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, who oversees the practice of athletic training and is responsible for the athletic training services provided by the athletic trainer in the temporary absence of the directing physician. (3-16-04)

**03. Alternate Supervising Physician.** An Idaho licensed physician who is registered with the Board pursuant to this chapter and who has full responsibility for the medical acts and practice of a physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist in the temporary absence of the supervising physician. An alternate supervising physician shall not supervise more than three (3) such licensees contemporaneously. The Board, however, may authorize an alternate supervising physician to supervise a total of six (6) such licensees contemporaneously if necessary to provide adequate medical care and upon prior petition documenting adequate safeguards to protect the public health and safety. (3-16-04)

**04. Alternate Supervising Physician For Externs, Interns, And Residents.** A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in Idaho who has been designated by the supervising physician and approved by and registered by the Board to supervise the extern, intern, or resident in the temporary absence of the supervising physician. (3-16-04)

**05. Athletic Trainer.** A person who has met the qualifications for licensure as set forth in Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, is licensed under that chapter, and carries out the practice of athletic training under the direction of a designated Idaho licensed physician, registered with the Board. (3-16-04)

**06. Board.** The Idaho State Board of Medicine established pursuant to Section 54-1805, Idaho Code. (3-16-04)

**07. Directing Physician.** A designated Idaho licensed physician, registered with the Board pursuant to this chapter and Title 54, Chapter 39, Idaho Code, who oversees the practice of athletic training and is responsible for the athletic training services provided by the athletic trainer. This chapter does not authorize the practice of medicine or any of its branches by a person not so licensed by the Board. (3-16-04)

**08. Extern.** Any bona fide student enrolled in an acceptable school of medicine as defined in IDAPA 22.01.01, "Rules of the Board of Medicine for the Licensure to Practice Medicine and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Idaho," Subsection 010.03, who has not received his degree. (3-16-04)

**09. Graduate Physician Assistant.** A person who is a graduate of an approved program for the education and training of physician assistants and who meets all the requirements in IDAPA 22.01.03, "Rules for the Licensure of Physician Assistants," for Idaho licensure but has not yet taken and passed the certification examination, and who has been authorized by the Board, as defined in IDAPA 22.01.03, Subsection 036.01, to render patient services under the direction of a supervising physician for a period of six (6) months or has passed the certification examination but who has not yet obtained a college baccalaureate degree, and who has been authorized by the Board, as defined in IDAPA 22.01.03, Subsection 036.02, to render patient services under the direction of a supervising physician for a period of not more than five (5) years. (3-16-04)

**10. Intern.** Any person who has completed a course of study at an acceptable school of medicine as defined in IDAPA 22.01.01, "Rules of the Board of Medicine for the Licensure to Practice Medicine and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Idaho," Subsection 010.03, and who is enrolled in a postgraduate medical training program. (3-16-04)

**11. Physician.** A physician who holds a current active license issued by the Board to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in Idaho and is in good standing with no restrictions upon or actions taken against his license. (3-16-04)

**12. Physician Assistant.** Any person duly licensed with the Board as a physician assistant to render patient services under the direction of a supervising physician registered with the Board, pursuant to the applicable Idaho statutes and the applicable rules promulgated by the Board. (3-16-04)

**13. Resident.** Any person who has completed a course of study at an acceptable school of medicine as

defined in IDAPA 22.01.01, "Rules of the Board of Medicine for the Licensure to Practice Medicine and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Idaho," Subsection 010.03, and who is enrolled in a postgraduate medical training program. (3-16-04)

**14. Supervising Physician.** Any physician who is registered with the Board pursuant to this chapter and who supervises and has responsibility for the medical acts of and patient services provided by a physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist. A supervising physician shall not supervise more than a total of three (3) such licensees contemporaneously. The Board, however, may authorize a supervising physician to supervise a total of six (6) such licensees contemporaneously if necessary to provide adequate medical care and upon prior petition documenting adequate safeguards to protect the public health and safety. (3-16-04)

**15. Supervising Physician Of Interns, Externs, Or Residents.** Any person approved by and registered with the Board who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in Idaho, who signs the application for registration of a extern, intern or resident, and who is responsible for the direction and supervision of their activities. (3-16-04)

**011. -- 018. (RESERVED).**

**019. DUTIES OF DIRECTING PHYSICIANS.**

**01. Responsibilities.** The directing physician accepts full responsibility for the acts and athletic training services provided by the athletic trainer and oversees the practice of athletic training of the athletic trainer, and for the supervision of such acts which shall include, but are not limited to: (3-16-04)

**a.** An on-site visit at least biannually or every semester to personally observe the quality of athletic training services provided; and (3-16-04)

**b.** Recording of a periodic review of a representative sample of the records, including, but not limited to, records made from the past six (6) months of the review to evaluate the athletic training services that were provided. (3-16-04)

**02. Patient Complaints.** The directing physician shall report to the Board any and all complaints received related to allegations against the athletic trainer, including, but not limited to, the quality and nature of athletic training. (3-16-04)

**03. Scope Of Practice.** The directing physician shall ensure the scope of practice of the athletic trainer, as set forth in IDAPA 22.01.10, "Rules for the Licensure of Athletic Trainers to Practice in Idaho," and Section 54-3903, Idaho Code, shall be limited to and consistent with the scope of practice of the directing physician and exclude any independent practice of athletic training by an athletic trainer. (3-16-04)

**04. Directing Responsibility.** The responsibilities and duties of a directing physician may not be transferred to a business entity, professional corporation or partnership, nor may they be assigned to another physician without prior notification and Board approval. (3-16-04)

**05. Available Supervision.** The directing physician shall oversee the activities of the athletic trainer and must be available either in person or by telephone to supervise, direct and counsel the athletic trainer. The scope and nature of the direction of the athletic trainer shall be outlined in an athletic training service plan or protocol, as set forth in IDAPA 22.01.10, "Rules for the Licensure of Athletic Trainers to Practice in Idaho," Section 013. (3-16-04)

**06. Disclosure.** It shall be the responsibility of each directing physician to ensure that each athlete who receives athletic training services is aware of the fact that said person is not a licensed physician. This disclosure requirement can be fulfilled by the use of name tags, correspondence, oral statements, office signs or such other procedures that under the involved circumstances adequately advise the athlete of the education and training of the person rendering athletic training services. (3-16-04)

**07. On-Site Review.** The Board, by and through its designated agents, is authorized to conduct on-site reviews of the activities of the directing physicians at the locations and facilities in which the athletic trainer practices

at such times as the Board deems necessary. (3-16-04)

**020. DUTIES OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS.**

**01. Responsibilities.** The supervising physician accepts full responsibility for the medical acts of and patient services provided by physician assistants, graduate physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists and for the supervision of such acts which shall include, but are not limited to: (3-16-04)

- a. An on-site visit at least monthly to personally observe the quality of care provided; (3-16-04)
- b. A periodic review of a representative sample of medical records to evaluate the medical services that are provided. When applicable, this review shall also include an evaluation of adherence to the delegation of services agreement between the physician and physician assistant or graduate physician assistant; and (3-16-04)
- c. Regularly scheduled conferences between the supervising physician and such licensees. (3-16-04)

**02. Patient Complaints.** The supervising physician shall report to the Board of Medicine all patient complaints received against the physician assistant or graduate physician assistant which relate to the quality and nature of medical care or patient services rendered. The supervising physician shall report to the Board of Nursing all patient complaints received against the nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist, that relate to the quality and nature of medical care rendered. (3-16-04)

**03. Pre-Signed Prescriptions.** The supervising physician shall not utilize or authorize the physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist to use any pre-signed prescriptions. (3-16-04)

**04. Supervisory Responsibility.** A supervising physician or alternate supervising physician shall not supervise more than three (3) physician assistants, graduate physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, or clinical nurse specialists contemporaneously. The Board, however, may authorize a supervising physician or alternate supervising physician to supervise a total of six (6) such licensees contemporaneously if necessary to provide adequate medical care and upon prior petition documenting adequate safeguards to protect the public health and safety. The responsibilities and duties of a supervising physician may not be transferred to a business entity, professional corporation or partnership, nor may they be assigned to another physician without prior notification and Board approval. (3-16-04)

**05. Available Supervision.** The supervising physician shall oversee the activities of the nurse practitioner, physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist, and must always be available either in person or by telephone to supervise, direct and counsel such licensees. The scope and nature of the supervision of the physician assistant and graduate physician assistant shall be outlined in a delegation of services agreement, as set forth in IDAPA 22.01.03, "Rules for the Licensure of Physician Assistants," Subsection 030.03. (3-16-04)

**06. Disclosure.** It shall be the responsibility of each supervising physician to ensure that each patient who receives the services of a physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist is aware of the fact that said person is not a licensed physician. This disclosure requirement can be fulfilled by the use of nametags, correspondence, oral statements, office signs or such other procedures that under the involved circumstances adequately advise the patient of the education and training of the person rendering medical services. (3-16-04)

**021. ON-SITE REVIEW.**

The Board, by and through its designated agents, is authorized to conduct on-site reviews of the activities of the supervising physicians at the locations and facilities in which the physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist practices at such times as the Board deems necessary. (3-16-04)

**022. DUTIES OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS OF INTERNS, EXTERNS, AND RESIDENTS.**

**01. Responsibilities.** The supervising physician is responsible for the direction and supervision of the medical acts and patient services provided by an intern, extern, or resident. The direction and supervision of such activities shall include, but are not limited to: (3-16-04)

- a.** An on-site visit at least monthly to personally observe the quality of care provided; (3-16-04)
- b.** Recording of a periodic review of a representative sample of medical records to evaluate the medical services that are provided; and (3-16-04)
- c.** Regularly scheduled conferences between the supervising physician and the intern, extern, or resident. (3-16-04)

**02. Available Supervision.** The supervising physician shall oversee the activities of the intern, extern, or resident, and must always be available either in person or by telephone to supervise, direct and counsel the intern, extern, or resident. (3-16-04)

**03. Disclosure.** It shall be the responsibility of each supervising physician to ensure that each patient who receives the services of an intern, extern, or resident is aware of the fact that said person is not a licensed physician. This disclosure requirement can be fulfilled by the use of nametags, correspondence, oral statements, office signs, or such other procedures that under the involved circumstances adequately advise the patient of the education and training of the person rendering medical services. (3-16-04)

**04. On-Site Review.** The Board, by and through its designated agents, is authorized to conduct on-site reviews of the activities of the supervising physicians at the locations and facilities in which the intern, extern, or resident practices at such times as the Board deems necessary. (3-16-04)

**023 -- 029. (RESERVED).**

**030. REGISTRATION BY SUPERVISING AND DIRECTING PHYSICIANS.**

**01. Registration And Renewal.** Each supervising, directing and alternate physician must register with the Board and such registration shall be renewed annually. (3-16-04)

**02. Notification.** The supervising and directing physician must notify the Board of any change in the status of any physician assistant, graduate physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or athletic trainer for whom he is responsible, including, but not limited to, changes in location, duties, responsibilities, or supervision, or termination of employment. (3-16-04)

**031. DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

Every person registered as a supervising, directing, or alternate physician in this state is subject to discipline by the Board pursuant to the procedures and powers set forth in Idaho Code, Section 54-1806A for violation of these rules or upon any of the grounds set forth in Idaho Code, Section 54-1814. (3-16-04)

**032. -- 039. (RESERVED).**

**040. FEES.**

The fee for supervising physician registration will be fifty dollars (\$50) and the annual renewal fee will be twenty-five dollars (\$25); provided however, alternate supervising physicians shall not be required to pay an annual renewal fee. The fee for directing physician registration will be ten dollars (\$10) and the annual renewal fee will be five dollars (\$5); provided however, alternate directing physicians shall not be required to pay an annual renewal fee. (3-16-04)

**041. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Amendments to these rules shall be effective March 30, 1992. These rules were first effective March 15, 1978 and thereafter were amended effective July 30, 1987 and March 30, 1992. (7-1-93)

**042. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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