

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

24.33.02 – Rules for Licensure of Physician Assistants

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to physician assistants who are licensed or seek to be licensed under the Board of Medicine and to any physicians who are supervising or seek to supervise a physician assistant.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The purpose of this rule is to provide information on the eligibility for licensure, licensure fees, requirements for renewal of licenses, and continuing education requirements for physician assistants. In addition, this rule provides guidelines for the supervision of physician assistants.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

The Medical Practice Act -

Physicians and Physician Assistants:

- [54-1801, et seq.](#)
- [54-1806, Idaho Code](#) – Powers and Duties
- [54-1806A, Idaho Code](#) – Medical Disciplinary Enforcement
- [54-1808, Idaho Code](#) – The Board to Issue Licenses
- [54-1812, Idaho Code](#) – Graduates of Medical Schools Located Outside of the United States and Canada
- [54-1813, Idaho Code](#) – Temporary License and Registration
- [54-1814, Idaho Code](#) – Grounds for Medical Discipline
- [54-1841, Idaho Code](#) – Volunteer’s License – Qualifications

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Pursuant to Section 54-1806(2), Idaho Code, the Idaho State Board of Medicine is authorized to promulgate rules to govern activities of persons licensed under these rules to practice as physician assistants and graduate physician assistants under the supervision of persons licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in Idaho. (3-20-20)T

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. **Title.** These rules are titled IDAPA 24.33.02, “Rules for the Licensure of Physician Assistants.” (3-20-20)T

02. **Scope.** Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 54-1807A(1), physician assistants and graduate physician assistants must be licensed with the Board prior to commencement of activities. (3-20-20)T

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. **Approved Program.** A course of study for the education and training of physician assistants that is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) or predecessor agency or equivalent agency recognized by the Board as recommended by the Committee. (3-20-20)T

02. **Delegation of Services (DOS) Agreement.** An agreement on a Board-approved form signed and dated by the licensed physician assistant or graduate physician assistant and supervising and alternate supervising physician that defines the working relationship and delegation of duties between the supervising physician and the licensee as specified by Board rule. (3-20-20)T

03. **Supervision.** The direction and oversight of the activities of and patient services provided by a physician assistant or graduate physician assistant by a supervising physician or alternate supervising physician who accepts full medical responsibility with respect thereto. The constant physical presence of the supervising or alternate supervising physician is not required as long as the supervisor and such licensee are or can be easily in contact with one another by radio, telephone, or other telecommunication device. The scope and nature of the supervision will be outlined in a delegation of services agreement, as defined in Subsection 030.04 of these rules. (3-20-20)T

011. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

Requirements for licensure and renewal are found in Title 54, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, IDAPA 24.33.03, and on Board-approved forms. (3-20-20)T

021. -- 027. (RESERVED)

028. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

01. **Scope.** The scope of practice of physician assistants and graduate physician assistants is generally defined in the delegation of services and may include a broad range of diagnostic, therapeutic and health promotion and disease prevention services. (3-20-20)T

a. The scope of practice includes only those duties and responsibilities delegated to the licensee by their supervising and alternate supervising physician and in accordance with the delegation of services agreement and consistent with the expertise and regular scope of practice of the supervising and alternate supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

b. The scope of practice may include prescribing, administering, and dispensing of medical devices and drugs, including the administration of a local anesthetic injected subcutaneously, digital blocks, or the application of topical anesthetics, while working under the supervision of a licensed medical physician. (3-20-20)T

c. Physician assistants and graduate physician assistants are agents of their supervising and alternate supervising physician in the performance of all practice-related activities and patient services. (3-20-20)T

d. A supervising physician or alternate supervising physician will each supervise no more than a total

of four (4) physician assistants or graduate physician assistants contemporaneously. (3-20-20)T

e. 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. (3-20-20)T

029. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Requirements for Renewal. Prior to renewal of each license as set forth by the expiration date on the face of the certificate, physician assistants shall attest to maintenance of certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or similar certifying agency approved by the Board, which certification requires a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of continuing medical education over a two-year (2) period. (3-20-20)T

030. PRACTICE STANDARDS.

01. Identification. The physician assistant or graduate physician assistant will at all times when on duty wear a placard or plate so identifying himself. (3-20-20)T

02. Advertise. No physician assistant or graduate physician assistant may advertise or represent himself either directly or indirectly, as a physician. (3-20-20)T

03. Supervising Physician. Each licensed physician assistant and graduate physician assistant will have a Board-approved supervising physician prior to practice. (3-20-20)T

04. Delegation of Services Agreement. Each licensed physician assistant and graduate physician assistant must maintain a current, completed copy of a Delegation of Services (DOS) Agreement between the licensee and each of his supervising and alternate supervising physicians. This agreement must be sent to the Board and be maintained on file at each practice location and at the address of record of the supervising and alternate supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

05. Notification of Change or Addition of Supervising or Alternate Supervising Physician. A physician assistant or graduate physician assistant must notify the Board when adding, changing, or deleting a supervising physician or alternate supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

031. PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CARE.

A physician assistant or graduate physician assistant licensed in this state or licensed or authorized to practice in any other state of the United States or currently credentialed to practice by a federal employer who is responding to a need for patient services created by an emergency or a state or local disaster (not to be defined as an emergency situation which occurs in the place of one's employment) may render such patient services that they are able to provide without supervision as it is defined in this chapter, or with such supervision as is available. Any physician who supervises a physician assistant or graduate physician assistant providing patient services in response to such an emergency or state or local disaster will not be required to meet the requirements set forth in this chapter for a supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

032. -- 035. (RESERVED)

036. GRADUATE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

01. Licensure Prior to Certification Examination -- Board Consideration. Any person who has graduated from an approved physician assistant training program and meets all Idaho requirements, including achieving a college baccalaureate degree, but has not yet taken and passed the certification examination, may be considered by the Board for licensure as a graduate physician assistant for six (6) months when an application for licensure as a graduate physician assistant has been submitted to the Board on forms supplied by the Board and payment of the prescribed fee, provided: (3-20-20)T

a. The applicant will submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of acknowledgment of sitting for the national certification examination. The applicant will submit to the Board, within ten (10) business days of receipt, a copy of the national certification examination results. (3-20-20)T

b. After the graduate physician assistant has passed the certification examination, the Board will receive verification of national certification directly from the certifying entity. Once the verification is received by the Board, the graduate physician assistant’s license will be converted to a permanent license and he may apply for prescribing authority pursuant to Section 042 of these rules. (3-20-20)T

c. The applicant who has failed the certification examination one (1) time, may petition the Board for a one-time extension of his graduate physician assistant license for an additional six (6) months. (3-20-20)T

d. If the graduate physician assistant fails to pass the certifying examination on two (2) separate occasions, the graduate physician assistant’s license will automatically be canceled upon receipt of the second failing certification examination score. (3-20-20)T

e. The graduate physician assistant applicant will agree to execute an authorization for the release of information, attached to his application as Exhibit A, authorizing the Board or its designated agents, having information relevant to the application, including but not limited to the status of the certification examination, to release such information, as necessary, to his supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

02. Licensure Prior to College Baccalaureate Degree -- Board Consideration. Licensure as a graduate physician assistant may also be considered upon application made to the Board on forms supplied by the Board and payment of the prescribed fee when all application requirements have been met as set forth in Section 020 of these rules, except receipt of documentation of a college baccalaureate degree, provided: (3-20-20)T

a. A college baccalaureate degree from a nationally accredited school with a curriculum approved by the United States Secretary of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or both, or from a school accredited by another such agency approved by the Board shall be completed within five (5) years of initial licensure in Idaho; (3-20-20)T

03. No Prescribing Authority. Graduate physician assistants shall not be entitled to issue any written or oral prescriptions unless granted an exemption by the Board. Application for an exemption must be in writing and accompany documentation of a minimum of five (5) years of recent practice as a physician assistant in another state. (3-20-20)T

04. Weekly Record Review. Graduate physician assistants must have a weekly record review by their supervising physician, unless subject to an exemption as granted in Subsection 036.03. (3-20-20)T

037. -- 041. (RESERVED)

042. PRESCRIPTION WRITING. Approval and Authorization Required. A physician assistant may issue written or oral prescriptions for legend drugs and controlled drugs, Schedule II through V only in accordance with the current delegation of services agreement and applicable federal and state law, and any prescriptive practice will be consistent with the regular prescriptive practice of the supervising or alternate supervising physician. (3-20-20)T

043. -- 050. (RESERVED)

051. FEES - TABLE.
Nonrefundable fees are as follows:

Fees -- Table (Non-Refundable)	
Licensure Fee - Physician Assistant & Graduate Physician Assistant	- Not more than \$250
Annual License Renewal Fee	- Not more than \$150
Reinstatement Fee	- \$50 plus past renewal fees
Reinstatement Fee for Graduate Physician Assistant	- Not more than \$100

Fees -- Table (Non-Refundable)	
Inactive License Fee	- Not more than \$150
Annual Renewal of Inactive License Fee	- Not more than \$100
Inactive Conversion Fee	- Not more than \$150

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052. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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