

Requested by Representative SALINAS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3036**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 3 through 5 and insert “677.135,
2 677.137, 677.139, 677.141, 677.495, 677.510, 677.511, 677.515, 677.518, 688.510 and
3 743A.044 and section 45, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session);
4 and declaring an emergency.”.

5 Delete lines 7 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 11 and insert:
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7 **“PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE**

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9 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 677.511 is amended to read:

10 “677.511. (1)(a) A [*supervising physician or supervising physician organ-*
11 *ization*] **physician assistant** may [*apply to*] **register with** the Oregon Med-
12 ical Board for authority [*for a physician assistant*] to dispense **prescription**
13 drugs [*specified by the supervising physician or supervising physician organ-*
14 *ization*].

15 “(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, and except as per-
16 mitted under ORS 677.515 (4), a physician assistant may not dispense con-
17 trolled substances classified in Schedule I or II under the federal Controlled
18 Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 811 and 812, as modified under ORS 475.035.

19 “[*(2) The board shall adopt rules establishing standards and qualifications*
20 *for physician assistants with dispensing authority. The rules must require:*]

21 “[*(a) A physician assistant seeking dispensing authority to complete a drug*

1 *dispensing training program; and]*

2 *“[(b) The supervising physician or supervising physician organization that*
3 *applies for dispensing authority for a physician assistant to:]*

4 *“[(A) Provide the board with a plan for drug delivery and control;]*

5 *“[(B) Submit an annual report to the board on the physician assistant’s use*
6 *of dispensing authority;]*

7 *“[(C) Submit to the board a list of the drugs or classes of drugs that the*
8 *supervising physician or supervising physician organization proposes to au-*
9 *thorize the physician assistant to dispense; and]*

10 *“[(D) Submit to the board documentation showing that the supervising*
11 *physician or supervising physician organization has registered the facility from*
12 *which the physician assistant will dispense drugs as a drug outlet with the*
13 *State Board of Pharmacy under ORS 689.305.]*

14 *“[(3) The Oregon Medical Board and the State Board of Pharmacy shall*
15 *jointly develop a drug dispensing training program for physician assistants*
16 *and adopt that program by rule.]*

17 *“[(4) A supervising physician or supervising physician organization that*
18 *supervises a physician assistant with dispensing authority shall comply with*
19 *rules adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy relating to registration, acqui-*
20 *sition, storage, integrity, security, access, dispensing and disposal of drugs,*
21 *record keeping and consultation with pharmacists.]*

22 *“[(5) A physician assistant who dispenses a controlled substance classified*
23 *in Schedule III or IV under the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C.*
24 *811 and 812, as modified under ORS 475.035, shall report the dispensing of the*
25 *controlled substance to the Oregon Health Authority in a manner consistent*
26 *with the requirements for reporting by pharmacies as provided in ORS*
27 *431A.855 to 431A.900.]*

28 *“[(6) Drugs dispensed by a physician assistant with dispensing authority*
29 *under this section must be personally dispensed by the physician assistant.]*

30 **“(2) An registration under this section must include any informa-**

1 **tion required by the board by rule.**

2 **“(3) Prescription drugs dispensed by a physician assistant must be**
3 **personally dispensed by the physician assistant, except that nonjudg-**
4 **mental dispensing functions may be delegated to staff assistants when**
5 **the accuracy and completeness of the prescription is verified by the**
6 **physician assistant.**

7 **“(4) The physician assistant shall maintain records of the receipt**
8 **and distribution of prescription drugs. The records must be readily**
9 **accessible for inspection by the board upon request of the board.**

10 **“(5) The physician assistant shall ensure that a prescription drug**
11 **dispensed by the physician assistant is labeled in compliance with the**
12 **requirements of ORS 677.089 (3).**

13 **“(6) The board has disciplinary authority regarding a physician as-**
14 **stant who has prescription drug dispensing authority.**

15 **“SECTION 2. ORS 677.515 is amended to read:**

16 **“677.515. (1) A physician assistant [*licensed under ORS 677.512*] may pro-**
17 **vide any medical service, including prescribing and administering controlled**
18 **substances in Schedules II through V under the federal Controlled Sub-**
19 **stances Act:**

20 **“*[(a) That is delegated by the physician assistant’s supervising physician***
21 ***or supervising physician organization;]***

22 **“*[(b)] (a) That is within the scope of practice of the physician assistant;***
23 ****and****

24 **“*[(c) That is within the scope of practice of the supervising physician or***
25 ***supervising physician organization;]***

26 **“*[(d) That is provided under the supervision of the supervising physician***
27 ***or supervising physician organization;]***

28 **“*[(e) That is generally described in and in compliance with the practice***
29 ***agreement; and]***

30 **“*[(f)] (b) For which the physician assistant has obtained informed consent***

1 as provided in ORS 677.097, if informed consent is required.

2 “(2) This chapter does not prohibit a student enrolled in a program for
3 educating physician assistants approved by the **Oregon Medical** Board from
4 rendering medical services if the services are rendered in the course of the
5 program.

6 “(3) The degree of [*independent*] **autonomous** judgment that a physician
7 assistant may exercise shall be determined [*by the supervising physician, or*
8 *supervising physician organization, and the physician assistant in accordance*
9 *with the practice agreement*] **at the physician assistant’s primary location**
10 **of practice by the community standards of care and the physician**
11 **assistant’s education, training and experience.**

12 “(4) [*A supervising physician, upon the approval of the board and in ac-*
13 *cordance with the rules established by the board, may delegate to the physician*
14 *assistant the authority to administer and prescribe medications pursuant to*
15 *this section and ORS 677.535.*] The board may not limit the privilege of ad-
16 ministering, dispensing and prescribing **prescription drugs** to population
17 groups federally designated as underserved, or to geographic areas of the
18 state that are federally designated health professional shortage areas, feder-
19 ally designated medically underserved areas or areas designated as medically
20 disadvantaged and in need of primary health care providers by the Director
21 of the Oregon Health Authority or the Office of Rural Health. All pre-
22 scriptions written pursuant to this subsection must bear the name, office
23 address and telephone number of the [*supervising physician*] **physician as-**
24 **sistant who writes the prescription.**

25 “(5) This chapter does not require or prohibit a physician assistant from
26 practicing in a hospital licensed pursuant to ORS 441.015 to 441.087.

27 “(6) Prescriptions for medications prescribed by a physician assistant in
28 accordance with this section and ORS 475.005, 677.010, 677.500, 677.510 and
29 677.535 and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist may be filled by the
30 pharmacist according to the terms of the prescription, and the filling of such

1 a prescription does not constitute evidence of negligence on the part of the
2 pharmacist if the prescription was dispensed within the reasonable and pru-
3 dent practice of pharmacy.

4 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 677.135 is amended to read:

5 “677.135. As used in ORS 677.135 to 677.141, ‘the practice of medicine
6 across state lines’ means:

7 “(1) The rendering directly to a person of a written or otherwise docu-
8 mented medical opinion concerning the diagnosis or treatment of that person
9 located within this state for the purpose of patient care by a physician **or**
10 **physician assistant** located outside this state as a result of the transmission
11 of individual patient data by electronic or other means from within this state
12 to that physician [*or*], the physician’s agent **or a physician assistant**; or

13 “(2) The rendering of medical treatment directly to a person located
14 within this state by a physician **or a physician assistant** located outside
15 this state as a result of the outward transmission of individual patient data
16 by electronic or other means from within this state to that physician [*or*],
17 the physician’s agent **or a physician assistant**.

18 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 677.137 is amended to read:

19 “677.137. (1) A person may not engage in the practice of medicine across
20 state lines, claim qualification to engage in the practice of medicine across
21 state lines or use any title, word or abbreviation to indicate or to induce
22 another to believe that the person is licensed to engage in the practice of
23 medicine across state lines unless the person is licensed in accordance with
24 ORS 677.139.

25 “(2) ORS 677.135 to 677.141 do not apply to a physician **or physician**
26 **assistant** engaging in the practice of medicine across state lines in an
27 emergency, as defined by rule of the Oregon Medical Board.

28 “(3) ORS 677.135 to 677.141 do not apply to a licensed physician **or phy-**
29 **sician assistant** located outside this state who:

30 “(a) Consults with another physician **or physician assistant** licensed to

1 practice medicine in this state; and

2 “(b) Does not undertake the primary responsibility for diagnosing or
3 rendering treatment to a patient within this state.

4 “(4) ORS 677.135 to 677.141 do not apply to a licensed physician **or phy-**
5 **sician assistant** located outside this state who has an established
6 physician-patient relationship with a person who is in Oregon temporarily
7 and who requires the direct medical treatment by that physician **or physi-**
8 **cian assistant**.

9 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 677.139 is amended to read:

10 “677.139. (1) Upon application, the Oregon Medical Board may issue to
11 an out-of-state physician **or physician assistant** a license for the practice
12 of medicine across state lines if the physician **or physician assistant** holds
13 a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine in any other state of the
14 United States, has not been the recipient of a professional sanction by any
15 other state of the United States and otherwise meets the standards for
16 Oregon licensure under this chapter.

17 “(2) In the event that an out-of-state physician **or physician assistant**
18 has been the recipient of a professional sanction by any other state of the
19 United States, the board may issue a license for the practice of medicine
20 across state lines if the board finds that the sanction does not indicate that
21 the physician **or physician assistant** is a potential threat to the public in-
22 terest, health, welfare and safety.

23 “(3) A physician **or physician assistant** shall [*make the application*] **ap-**
24 **ply** on a form provided by the board, accompanied by nonrefundable fees for
25 the application and the license in amounts determined by rule of the board.
26 The board shall adopt necessary and proper rules to govern the renewal of
27 licenses issued under this section.

28 “(4) A license for the practice of medicine across state lines is not a
29 limited license for purposes of ORS 677.132.

30 “(5) A license for the practice of medicine across state lines does not

1 permit a physician **or physician assistant** to practice medicine in this state
2 except when engaging in the practice of medicine across state lines.

3 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 677.141 is amended to read:

4 “677.141. (1) A physician **or physician assistant** issued a license under
5 ORS 677.139:

6 **“(a)** Is subject to all the provisions of this chapter and to all the rules
7 of the Oregon Medical Board[. *A physician issued a license under ORS*
8 *677.139*]; **and**

9 **“(b)** Has the same duties and responsibilities and is subject to the same
10 penalties and sanctions as any other physician **or physician assistant** li-
11 censed under this chapter.

12 **“(2)** A physician **or physician assistant** issued a license under ORS
13 677.139 may not:

14 **“(a)** Act as a dispensing physician as defined in ORS 677.010;

15 **“(b)** Administer controlled substances for the treatment of intractable
16 pain to a person located within this state;

17 **“(c)** Provide written documentation for purposes of ORS 475B.797;

18 **“(d)** Employ a physician assistant as defined in ORS 677.495 to treat a
19 person located within this state; or

20 **“(e)** Assert a lien for services under ORS 87.555.

21 **“(3)** A physician **or physician assistant** licensed under ORS 677.139 shall
22 comply with all patient confidentiality requirements of this state, except as
23 those requirements are expressly prohibited by the law of any other state of
24 the United States where a person’s medical records are maintained.

25 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 441.064 is amended to read:

26 “441.064. (1) As used in this section:

27 **“(a)** ‘Nurse practitioner’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 678.010;

28 **“(b)** ‘Physician’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010; and

29 **“(c)** ‘Physician assistant’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.495.

30 **“(2)** The rules of any hospital in this state may grant privileges to nurse

1 practitioners and physician assistants for purposes of patient care.

2 “(3) Rules must be in writing and may include, but need not be limited
3 to:

4 “(a) Limitations on the scope of privileges;

5 “(b) Monitoring and supervision of nurse practitioners and physician as-
6 sistants in the hospital by physicians who are members of the medical staff;

7 “(c) A requirement that a nurse practitioner or physician assistant co-
8 admit patients with a physician who is a member of the medical staff; and

9 “(d) Qualifications of nurse practitioners and physician assistants to be
10 eligible for privileges including but not limited to requirements of prior
11 clinical and hospital experience.

12 “(4) The rules may:

13 “(a) Regulate the credentialing and conduct of nurse practitioners and
14 physician assistants while using the facilities of the hospital;

15 “(b) Prescribe the procedures for suspension or termination of a nurse
16 practitioner’s or physician assistant’s privileges; **and**

17 “(c) Allow the hospital to refuse privileges to a nurse practitioner **or**
18 **physician assistant**, but only on the same basis that the hospital refuses
19 privileges to other medical providers.[; *and*]

20 “[*d*] Allow the hospital to refuse privileges to a physician assistant based
21 on the refusal of privileges to the physician assistant’s supervising
22 physician.]

23 “(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, rules adopted by a
24 hospital that grant privileges to licensed registered nurses who are licensed
25 by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as nurse practitioners specializing in
26 nurse midwifery must:

27 “(a) Include admitting privileges;

28 “(b) Be consistent with the privileges of the other medical staff; and

29 “(c) Permit the nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery to ex-
30 ercise the voting rights of the other members of the medical staff.

1 “(6) Rules described in this section are subject to hospital and medical
2 staff bylaws and rules governing credentialing and staff privileges.

3 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 688.510 is amended to read:

4 “688.510. (1) As used in this section:

5 “(a) ‘Fluoroscopy’ means a technique for generating X-ray images and for
6 presenting the X-ray images simultaneously and continuously as a visible
7 image.

8 “(b) ‘Physician assistant’ means a physician assistant licensed under ORS
9 677.505 to 677.525.

10 “[*(c) ‘Supervising physician’ means a physician licensed under ORS chapter*
11 *677 who has entered into a practice agreement with a physician assistant as*
12 *described in ORS 677.510.*]

13 “[*(d)*] (c) ‘To practice fluoroscopy’ means to initiate the generation of
14 X-rays and to acquire visible images for the purpose of medical diagnosis.

15 “(2) Except as provided in subsection [(7)] (5) of this section, a physician
16 assistant may not practice fluoroscopy on a person unless the physician as-
17 sistant:

18 “(a) Holds an active certificate issued by the Board of Medical Imaging
19 under this section; **and**

20 “(b) Operates fluoroscopic X-ray equipment in compliance with [*this sec-*
21 *tion and*] rules adopted by the board under this section[; *and*].

22 “[*(c) Fluoroscopy is among the medical duties delegated to the physician*
23 *assistant pursuant to a practice agreement described in ORS 677.510.*]

24 “(3) The board shall issue a certificate to practice fluoroscopy to a phy-
25 sician assistant who:

26 “(a) Completes a fluoroscopy education program approved by the board;

27 “(b) Submits an examination application to the board in a form and
28 manner prescribed by the board;

29 “(c) Pays an examination fee established by the board by rule;

30 “(d) Passes an examination on fluoroscopy approved by the board;

1 “(e) Submits a certificate application to the board in a form and manner
2 prescribed by the board;

3 “(f) Pays a certificate application fee established by the board by rule;
4 and

5 “(g) Meets the standards of ethical and professional conduct established
6 by a credentialing organization or professional society related to the practice
7 of medical imaging.

8 “(4) The board shall renew the certificate to practice fluoroscopy of a
9 physician assistant who:

10 “(a) Submits a renewal application to the board in a form and manner
11 prescribed by the board;

12 “(b) Pays a renewal fee established by the board by rule; and

13 “(c) Completes continuing education requirements approved by the board.

14 “[5] *A supervising physician may delegate fluoroscopy procedures only to*
15 *a physician assistant who holds a certificate issued pursuant to this section.]*

16 “[6](a) *A physician assistant who holds a certificate issued pursuant to*
17 *this section may practice fluoroscopy only as authorized by this section.]*

18 “[b] *A physician assistant may practice fluoroscopy only if:*

19 “[A] *The supervising physician with whom the physician assistant has*
20 *entered into a practice agreement is in the room where the fluoroscopic proce-*
21 *dure is taking place at the time that the procedure is taking place; or]*

22 “[B] *The supervising physician with whom the physician assistant has*
23 *entered into a practice agreement is in the building where the fluoroscopic*
24 *procedure is taking place at the time that the procedure is taking place and a*
25 *medical imaging licensee who specializes in the medical imaging modality of*
26 *radiography is in the room where the procedure is taking place at the time that*
27 *the procedure is taking place.]*

28 “[c] *The board may adopt by rule an exception to the requirements of*
29 *paragraph (b) of this subsection if the board determines that the exception does*
30 *not create a risk of harm to the public health and safety.]*

1 “[(7)] (5) A physician assistant may practice fluoroscopy before being is-
2 sued a certificate under this section for the purpose of completing a
3 fluoroscopy training program. A physician assistant must be supervised, as
4 determined by the board by rule, when practicing fluoroscopy under this
5 subsection.

6 “[8)] (6) Subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 183, the board may
7 refuse to issue or renew a certificate under this section or may suspend or
8 revoke a certificate under this section if the applicant or certificate holder
9 violates a provision of this section or any rule adopted by the board under
10 this section.

11 **“SECTION 9. (1) The amendments to ORS 441.064, 677.135, 677.137,**
12 **677.139, 677.141, 677.511, 677.515 and 688.510 by sections 1 to 8 of this 2021**
13 **Act become operative on January 15, 2022.**

14 **“(2) The Board of Medical Imaging and the Oregon Medical Board**
15 **may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection**
16 **(1) of this section that is necessary to enable the boards to exercise,**
17 **on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this sec-**
18 **tion, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the boards**
19 **by the amendments to ORS 441.064, 677.135, 677.137, 677.139, 677.141,**
20 **677.511, 677.515 and 688.510 by sections 1 to 8 of this 2021 Act.**

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22 **“COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS**

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24 **“SECTION 10. ORS 677.495 is amended to read:**

25 **“677.495. As used in ORS 677.495 to 677.535, unless the context requires**
26 **otherwise:**

27 **“(1) ‘Collaboration’ means, as indicated by the patient’s condition,**
28 **community standards of care and a physician assistant’s education,**
29 **training and experience:**

30 **“(a) Consultation between the physician assistant and a physician**

1 or podiatric physician; or

2 “(b) Referral by the physician assistant to a physician or podiatric
3 physician.

4 “(2) ‘Collaboration agreement’ means a written agreement that de-
5 scribes the manner in which the physician assistant collaborates with
6 physicians or podiatric physicians, that does not assign supervisory
7 responsibility to, or represent acceptance of legal responsibility by, a
8 physician or podiatric physician for the care provided by the physician
9 assistant and that is signed by the physician assistant and the physi-
10 cian, podiatric physician or physician assistant’s employer.

11 “(3) ‘Employer’ means:

12 “(a) An entity that is organized to deliver health care services in
13 this state in accordance with ORS 58.375 or 58.376 and that employs a
14 physician or podiatric physician; or

15 “(b) A physician or podiatric physician who employs a physician
16 assistant.

17 “(4) ‘Physician’ means a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 to
18 677.228.

19 “[1] (5) ‘Physician assistant’ means a person who is licensed in accord-
20 ance with ORS 677.505 to 677.525.

21 “(6) ‘Podiatric physician’ means a podiatric physician and surgeon
22 licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840.

23 “[2] ‘Practice agreement’ means a written agreement between a physician
24 assistant and a supervising physician or supervising physician organization
25 that describes the manner in which the services of the physician assistant will
26 be used.]

27 “[3] ‘Supervising physician’ means a physician licensed under ORS 677.100
28 to 677.228, or a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under ORS 677.805
29 to 677.840, who supervises a physician assistant.]

30 “[4] ‘Supervising physician organization’ means a group of supervising

1 *physicians that collectively supervises a physician assistant.]*

2 *“(5) ‘Supervision’ means the acts of overseeing and accepting responsibility*
3 *for the medical services provided by a physician assistant in accordance with*
4 *a practice agreement, including regular and routine oversight and chart re-*
5 *view.]*

6 **“SECTION 11.** ORS 677.510 is amended to read:

7 *“677.510. [(1) A person licensed to practice medicine under this chapter may*
8 *not use the services of a physician assistant without the prior approval of the*
9 *Oregon Medical Board.]*

10 *“(2) A supervising physician or a supervising physician organization may*
11 *apply to the board to use the services of a physician assistant. The application*
12 *must:]*

13 *“(a) If the applicant is not a supervising physician organization, state the*
14 *name and contact information of the supervising physician;]*

15 *“(b) If the applicant is a supervising physician organization:]*

16 *“(A) State the names and contact information of all supervising physi-*
17 *cians; and]*

18 *“(B) State the name of the primary supervising physician required by*
19 *subsection (5) of this section;]*

20 *“(c) Generally describe the medical services provided by each supervising*
21 *physician;]*

22 *“(d) Contain a statement acknowledging that each supervising physician*
23 *has reviewed statutes and rules relating to the practice of physician assistants*
24 *and the role of a supervising physician; and]*

25 *“(e) Provide such other information in such a form as the board may re-*
26 *quire.]*

27 *“(3) The board shall approve or reject an application within seven working*
28 *days after the board receives the application, unless the board is conducting*
29 *an investigation of the supervising physician or of any of the supervising*
30 *physicians in a supervising physician organization applying to use the services*

1 *of a physician assistant.]*

2 *“(4) A supervising physician organization shall provide the board with a*
3 *list of the supervising physicians in the supervising physician organization.*
4 *The supervising physician organization shall continually update the list and*
5 *notify the board of any changes.]*

6 *“(5) A supervising physician organization shall designate a primary*
7 *supervising physician and notify the board in the manner prescribed by the*
8 *board.]*

9 *“(6)(a) A physician assistant may not practice medicine until the physician*
10 *assistant enters into a practice agreement with a supervising physician or*
11 *supervising physician organization whose application has been approved under*
12 *subsection (3) of this section. The practice agreement must:]*

13 *“(A) Include the name, contact information and license number of the*
14 *physician assistant and each supervising physician.]*

15 *“(B) Describe the degree and methods of supervision that the supervising*
16 *physician or supervising physician organization will use. The degree of*
17 *supervision, whether general, direct or personal, must be based on the level of*
18 *competency of the physician assistant as judged by the supervising*
19 *physician.]*

20 *“(C) Generally describe the medical duties delegated to the physician as-*
21 *stantant.]*

22 *“(D) Describe the services or procedures common to the practice or spe-*
23 *cialty that the physician assistant is not permitted to perform.]*

24 *“(E) Describe the prescriptive and medication administration privileges*
25 *that the physician assistant will exercise.]*

26 *“(F) Provide the list of settings and licensed facilities in which the phy-*
27 *sician assistant will provide services.]*

28 *“(G) State that the physician assistant and each supervising physician is*
29 *in full compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of*
30 *medicine by physician assistants, supervising physicians and supervising phy-*

1 *sician organizations and acknowledge that violation of laws or regulations*
2 *governing the practice of medicine may subject the physician assistant and*
3 *supervising physician or supervising physician organization to discipline.]*

4 *“(H) Be signed by the supervising physician or the primary supervising*
5 *physician of the supervising physician organization and by the physician as-*
6 *stantant.]*

7 *“(I) Be updated at least every two years.]*

8 *“(b) The supervising physician or supervising physician organization shall*
9 *provide the board with a copy of the practice agreement within 10 days after*
10 *the physician assistant begins practice with the supervising physician or*
11 *supervising physician organization. The supervising physician or supervising*
12 *physician organization shall keep a copy of the practice agreement at the*
13 *practice location and make a copy of the practice agreement available to the*
14 *board on request. The practice agreement is not subject to board approval, but*
15 *the board may request a meeting with a supervising physician or supervising*
16 *physician organization and a physician assistant to discuss a practice agree-*
17 *ment.]*

18 *“(7) A physician assistant’s supervising physician shall ensure that the*
19 *physician assistant is competent to perform all duties delegated to the physi-*
20 *cian assistant. The supervising physician or supervising physician organiza-*
21 *tion and the physician assistant are responsible for ensuring the competent*
22 *practice of the physician assistant.]*

23 *“(8) A supervising physician or the agent of a supervising physician must*
24 *be competent to perform the duties delegated to the physician assistant by the*
25 *supervising physician or by a supervising physician organization.]*

26 *“(9) The board may not require that a supervising physician be physically*
27 *present at all times when the physician assistant is providing services, but may*
28 *require that:]*

29 *“(a) The physician assistant have access to personal or telephone commu-*
30 *nication with a supervising physician when the physician assistant is provid-*

1 *ing services; and]*

2 *“[(b) The proximity of a supervising physician and the methods and means*
3 *of supervision be appropriate to the practice setting and the patient conditions*
4 *treated in the practice setting.]*

5 *“[(10)(a) A supervising physician organization may supervise any number*
6 *of physician assistants. The board may not adopt rules limiting the number*
7 *of physician assistants that a supervising physician organization may super-*
8 *wise.]*

9 *“[(b) A physician assistant who is supervised by a supervising physician*
10 *organization may be supervised by any of the supervising physicians in the*
11 *supervising physician organization.]*

12 *“[(11) If a physician assistant is not supervised by a supervising physician*
13 *organization, the physician assistant may be supervised by no more than four*
14 *supervising physicians, unless the board approves a request from the physician*
15 *assistant, or from a supervising physician, for the physician assistant to be*
16 *supervised by more than four supervising physicians.]*

17 *“[(12) A supervising physician who is not acting as part of a supervising*
18 *physician organization may supervise four physician assistants, unless the*
19 *board approves a request from the supervising physician or from a physician*
20 *assistant for the supervising physician to supervise more than four physician*
21 *assistants.]*

22 *“[(13) A supervising physician who is not acting as part of a supervising*
23 *physician organization may designate a physician to serve as the agent of the*
24 *supervising physician for a predetermined period of time.]*

25 *“[(14) A physician assistant may render services in any setting included in*
26 *the practice agreement.]*

27 *“[(15) A physician assistant for whom an application under this section has*
28 *been approved by the board on or after January 2, 2006, shall submit to the*
29 *board, within 24 months after the approval, documentation of completion of:]*

30 *“[(a) A pain management education program approved by the board and*

1 *developed in conjunction with the Pain Management Commission established*
2 *under ORS 413.570; or]*

3 “[*b*) *An equivalent pain management education program, as determined by*
4 *the board.*.]

5 **“(1) A physician assistant is responsible for the care provided by the**
6 **physician assistant.**

7 **“(2) A physician assistant shall engage in collaboration to the de-**
8 **gree determined at the physician assistant’s primary location of prac-**
9 **tice. The determination may include decisions made by a physician,**
10 **podiatric physician or employer with whom the physician assistant has**
11 **entered into a collaboration agreement, or the group or hospital ser-**
12 **vice and the credentialing and privileging systems of the physician**
13 **assistant’s primary location of practice.**

14 **“(3)(a) A physician assistant may not provide care unless the phy-**
15 **sician assistant has entered into a collaboration agreement signed by**
16 **a physician, podiatric physician or employer. The collaboration agree-**
17 **ment must include:**

18 **“(A) The physician assistant’s name, license number and primary**
19 **location of practice;**

20 **“(B) A general description of the physician assistant’s process for**
21 **collaboration with physicians or podiatric physicians;**

22 **“(C) If the physician assistant has fewer than 2,000 hours of post-**
23 **graduate clinical experience, a plan for the minimum number of hours**
24 **per month during which the physician assistant will collaborate, both**
25 **in person and through technology, with a specified physician or**
26 **podiatric physician; and**

27 **“(D) The performance assessment and review process, as described**
28 **in subsection (5) of this section.**

29 **“(b) The physician assistant, or physician, podiatric physician or**
30 **employer with whom the physician assistant has entered into the col-**

1 **laboration agreement, is responsible for tracking the hours described**
2 **in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

3 **“(4) The collaboration agreement must be kept on file at the phy-**
4 **sician assistant’s primary location of practice and made available to**
5 **the Oregon Medical Board upon request.**

6 **“(5) Performance assessments and reviews of a physician assistant**
7 **may be completed by the physician assistant’s employer in accordance**
8 **with a performance assessment and review process established by the**
9 **employer.**

10 **“SECTION 12.** ORS 677.515, as amended by section 2 of this 2021 Act, is
11 amended to read:

12 **“677.515. (1) A physician assistant may provide any medical service, in-**
13 **cluding prescribing and administering controlled substances in Schedules II**
14 **through V under the federal Controlled Substances Act:**

15 **“(a) That is within the scope of practice of the physician assistant; and**

16 **“(b) For which the physician assistant has obtained informed consent as**
17 **provided in ORS 677.097, if informed consent is required.**

18 **“(2) This chapter does not prohibit a student enrolled in a program for**
19 **educating physician assistants approved by the Oregon Medical Board from**
20 **rendering medical services if the services are rendered in the course of the**
21 **program.**

22 **“(3) The degree of autonomous judgment that a physician assistant may**
23 **exercise shall be determined at the physician assistant’s primary location of**
24 **practice by the community standards of care and the physician assistant’s**
25 **education, training and experience.**

26 **“(4) The board may not limit the privilege of administering, dispensing**
27 **and prescribing prescription drugs to population groups federally designated**
28 **as underserved, or to geographic areas of the state that are federally desig-**
29 **nated health professional shortage areas, federally designated medically**
30 **underserved areas or areas designated as medically disadvantaged and in**

1 need of primary health care providers by the Director of the Oregon Health
2 Authority or the Office of Rural Health. All prescriptions written pursuant
3 to this subsection must bear the name, office address and telephone number
4 of the physician assistant who writes the prescription.

5 “(5) This chapter does not require or prohibit a physician assistant from
6 practicing in a hospital licensed pursuant to ORS 441.015 to 441.087.

7 “(6) Prescriptions for medications prescribed by a physician assistant in
8 accordance with this section and ORS 475.005, 677.010, 677.500, [677.510]
9 **677.511** and 677.535 and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist may be filled by
10 the pharmacist according to the terms of the prescription, and the filling of
11 such a prescription does not constitute evidence of negligence on the part
12 of the pharmacist if the prescription was dispensed within the reasonable and
13 prudent practice of pharmacy.

14 “**SECTION 13.** ORS 677.518 is amended to read:

15 “677.518. A physician assistant[, *practicing under the supervision of a*
16 *supervising physician or a supervising physician organization, is authorized*
17 *to*] **may** complete and sign reports of death. Reports of death signed by a
18 physician assistant shall [*be accepted as fulfilling*] **fulfill** all of the laws
19 dealing with reports of death. A physician assistant who prepares a report
20 of death [*must*] **shall** comply with all provisions of ORS 432.133.

21 “**SECTION 14.** ORS 109.640 is amended to read:

22 “109.640. (1) A physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505
23 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or
24 naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 may provide birth
25 control information and services to any person without regard to the age of
26 the person.

27 “(2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the con-
28 sent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to:

29 “(a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a phy-
30 sician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or a naturopathic physician

1 licensed under ORS chapter 685, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treat-
2 ment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, except as pro-
3 vided by ORS 109.660.

4 “(b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician assistant who is licensed under
5 ORS 677.505 to 677.525 and who is acting pursuant to a [*practice agreement*]
6 **collaboration agreement** as defined in ORS 677.495.

7 “(c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by
8 the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting
9 within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.

10 “(d) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time,
11 diagnosis and treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon
12 Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340 and who is acting within
13 the scope of practice for an optometrist.

14 **“SECTION 15.** ORS 413.590 is amended to read:

15 “413.590. (1) An approved pain management education program described
16 in ORS 413.572 (1)(c) or an equivalent pain management education program
17 as described in ORS 675.110, 677.228, [677.510,] 678.101, 684.092, 685.102 or
18 689.285 must be completed by:

19 “(a) A physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677;

20 “(b) A nurse licensed under ORS chapter 678;

21 “(c) A psychologist licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150;

22 “(d) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684;

23 “(e) A naturopath licensed under ORS chapter 685;

24 “(f) An acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.759;

25 “(g) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689;

26 “(h) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;

27 “(i) An occupational therapist licensed under ORS 675.210 to 675.340;

28 “(j) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201; and

29 “(k) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683.

30 “(2) The Oregon Medical Board, in consultation with the Pain Manage-

1 ment Commission, shall identify by rule physicians licensed under ORS
2 chapter 677 who, on an ongoing basis, treat patients in chronic or terminal
3 pain and who must complete one pain management education program es-
4 tablished under ORS 413.572. The board may identify by rule circumstances
5 under which a requirement under this section may be waived.

6 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 441.064, as amended by section 7 of this 2021 Act, is
7 amended to read:

8 “441.064. (1) As used in this section:

9 “(a) ‘Nurse practitioner’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 678.010;

10 “(b) ‘Physician’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010; and

11 “(c) ‘Physician assistant’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.495.

12 “(2) The rules of any hospital in this state may grant privileges to nurse
13 practitioners and physician assistants for purposes of patient care.

14 “(3) Rules must be in writing and may include, but need not be limited
15 to:

16 “(a) Limitations on the scope of privileges;

17 “(b) Monitoring and supervision of nurse practitioners and **collaboration**
18 **with** physician assistants in the hospital by physicians who are members of
19 the medical staff;

20 “(c) A requirement that a nurse practitioner or physician assistant co-
21 admit patients with a physician who is a member of the medical staff; and

22 “(d) Qualifications of nurse practitioners and physician assistants to be
23 eligible for privileges including but not limited to requirements of prior
24 clinical and hospital experience.

25 “(4) The rules may:

26 “(a) Regulate the credentialing and conduct of nurse practitioners and
27 physician assistants while using the facilities of the hospital;

28 “(b) Prescribe the procedures for suspension or termination of a nurse
29 practitioner’s or physician assistant’s privileges; and

30 “(c) Allow the hospital to refuse privileges to a nurse practitioner or

1 physician assistant, but only on the same basis that the hospital refuses
2 privileges to other medical providers.

3 “(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, rules adopted by a
4 hospital that grant privileges to licensed registered nurses who are licensed
5 by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as nurse practitioners specializing in
6 nurse midwifery must:

7 “(a) Include admitting privileges;

8 “(b) Be consistent with the privileges of the other medical staff; and

9 “(c) Permit the nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery to ex-
10 ercise the voting rights of the other members of the medical staff.

11 “(6) Rules described in this section are subject to hospital and medical
12 staff bylaws and rules governing credentialing and staff privileges.

13 **“SECTION 17.** ORS 743A.044 is amended to read:

14 “743A.044. (1) An insurer may not refuse a claim solely on the ground that
15 the claim was submitted by a physician assistant rather than by a [*super-*
16 *vising*] physician, [*for*] **podiatric physician or employer with whom** the
17 physician assistant **has entered into a collaboration agreement, as de-**
18 **fin**ed in ORS 677.495.

19 “(2) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

20 **“SECTION 18.** The amendments to ORS 743A.044 by section 17 of
21 **this 2021 Act apply to claims submitted on and after the operative date**
22 **specified in section 21 of this 2021 Act.**

23 **“SECTION 19.** Section 45, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special
24 session), is amended to read:

25 **“Sec. 45.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 677.495 to
26 677.535, a physician assistant may, without entering into a [*practice*] **col-**
27 **laboration** agreement, perform services and provide patient care within the
28 physician assistant’s scope of practice in accordance with subsection (2) of
29 this section.

30 “(2) A physician assistant may perform services and provide patient care

1 as described in subsection (1) of this section only in [*compliance with guide-*
2 *lines and standards established by one or more supervising*] **collaboration**
3 **with one or more** physicians licensed under ORS chapter 677 or
4 **podiatric physicians licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840.**

5 “(3) The Oregon Medical Board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

6 **“SECTION 20. A physician assistant practicing under a practice**
7 **agreement or practice description that was entered into before the**
8 **operative date specified in section 21 of this 2021 Act may continue to**
9 **practice under the practice agreement until the physician assistant**
10 **enters into a collaboration agreement, as defined in ORS 677.495. A**
11 **physician assistant described in this section:**

12 **“(1) May enter into a collaboration agreement on or after July 15,**
13 **2022.**

14 **“(2) Shall enter into a collaboration agreement not later than the**
15 **date on which the physician assistant’s license is due for renewal or**
16 **December 31, 2023, whichever is later.**

17 **“SECTION 21. (1) The amendments to ORS 109.640, 413.590, 441.064,**
18 **677.495, 677.510, 677.515, 677.518 and 743A.044 and section 45, chapter 12,**
19 **Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), by sections 10 to 17 and 19 of**
20 **this 2021 Act become operative on July 15, 2022.**

21 **“(2) The Oregon Medical Board may take any action before the op-**
22 **erative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary**
23 **to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date speci-**
24 **fied in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and**
25 **powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 109.640,**
26 **413.590, 441.064, 677.495, 677.510, 677.515, 677.518 and 743A.044 and section**
27 **45, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), by sections 10**
28 **to 17 and 19 of this 2021 Act.**

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“UNIT CAPTIONS

1 **“SECTION 22. The unit captions used in this 2021 Act are provided**
2 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**
3 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**
4 **enactment of this 2021 Act.**

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“EFFECTIVE DATE

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8 **“SECTION 23. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate**
9 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
10 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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