

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 is
5 amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 95/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 4607)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 7. Supervision requirements.

9 (a) No more than 2 physician assistants shall be supervised
10 by the supervising physician, although a physician assistant
11 shall be able to hold more than one professional position. Each
12 supervising physician shall file a notice of supervision of
13 such physician assistant according to the rules of the
14 Department. However, the alternate supervising physician may
15 supervise more than 2 physician assistants when the supervising
16 physician is unable to provide such supervision consistent with
17 the definition of alternate physician in Section 4. It is the
18 responsibility of the supervising physician to maintain
19 documentation each time he or she has designated an alternative
20 supervising physician. This documentation shall include the
21 date alternate supervisory control began, the date alternate
22 supervisory control ended, and any other changes. A supervising
23 physician shall provide a copy of this documentation to the

1 Department, upon request.

2 Physician assistants shall be supervised only by
3 physicians as defined in this Act who are engaged in clinical
4 practice, or in clinical practice in public health or other
5 community health facilities.

6 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
7 delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a nurse or
8 other appropriately trained personnel.

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the
10 employment of physician assistants by a hospital, nursing home
11 or other health care facility where such physician assistants
12 function under the supervision of a supervising physician.

13 Physician assistants may be employed by the Department of
14 Corrections or the Department of Human Services (as successor
15 to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental
16 Disabilities) for service in facilities maintained by such
17 Departments and affiliated training facilities in programs
18 conducted under the authority of the Director of Corrections or
19 the Secretary of Human Services. Each physician assistant
20 employed by the Department of Corrections or the Department of
21 Human Services (as successor to the Department of Mental Health
22 and Developmental Disabilities) shall be under the supervision
23 of a physician engaged in clinical practice and direct patient
24 care. Duties of each physician assistant employed by such
25 Departments are limited to those within the scope of practice
26 of the supervising physician who is fully responsible for all

1 physician assistant activities.

2 A physician assistant may be employed by a practice group
3 or other entity employing multiple physicians at one or more
4 locations. In that case, one of the physicians practicing at a
5 location shall be designated the supervising physician. The
6 other physicians with that practice group or other entity who
7 practice in the same general type of practice or specialty as
8 the supervising physician may supervise the physician
9 assistant with respect to their patients without being deemed
10 alternate supervising physicians for the purpose of this Act.

11 (b) A physician assistant licensed in this State, or
12 licensed or authorized to practice in any other U.S.
13 jurisdiction or credentialed by his or her federal employer as
14 a physician assistant, who is responding to a need for medical
15 care created by an emergency or by a state or local disaster
16 may render such care that the physician assistant is able to
17 provide without supervision as it is defined in this Section or
18 with such supervision as is available. For purposes of this
19 Section, an "emergency situation" shall not include one that
20 occurs in the place of one's employment.

21 Any physician who supervises a physician assistant
22 providing medical care in response to such an emergency or
23 state or local disaster shall not be required to meet the
24 requirements set forth in this Section for a supervising
25 physician.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-703, eff. 12-31-07.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.