



KENTUCKY ACADEMY OF
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants 2024 Legislative Agenda

Modernize the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

- Increase the KBML Board to 17 members from 15 members in KRS 311.530. These two spots would be for Physician Assistants.
- Language for how those PAs are chosen would mirror that of the physicians appointed a read “Two (2) members shall be licensed physician assistants and shall be appointed from a list of three (3) names submitted for each position by the Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants.”

Update the PA Advisory Committee

- Codify that the five practicing physician assistants in KRS 311.842 who are appointed to the PA Advisory Committee be chosen from a list of three (3) names submitted for each position by the Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants.
- Add that members of the PA Advisory Committee cannot serve more than two terms.

Allow the physician/PA team to designate if an alternate supervising physician is needed

- Strike section 2, sub section C4 in KRS 311.854 which states “The name, address, and area of practice of one (1) or more physicians who agree in writing to accept responsibility for supervising the physician assistant in the absence of the supervising physician”.

Remove HIV CME requirement for licensure

- Strike the need for PAs to obtain CME related to HIV under KRS 311.844
- Rationale: As of 2015 HIV/AIDS education is no longer required for Kentucky physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

Allow graduating PA students to apply course curriculum to pediatric head trauma requirements for licensure

- Under KRS 311.844 add language to allow graduating students to apply pediatric head trauma curriculum taught in their PA graduate education to count towards requirement for licensure.
- Rationale: Currently the KBML honors the course curriculum, but KAPA recommends amending the statute to codify that proof of completion during their graduate education, which in most cases exceeds the current statutory minimums, would meet the requirements under KY statute.