

CHAPTER 41**(SB 41)**

AN ACT relating to physician assistants.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 311.856 is amended to read as follows:

A supervising physician shall:

- (1) Restrict the services of a physician assistant to services within the physician assistant's scope of practice and to the provisions of KRS 311.840 to 311.862;
- (2) Prohibit a physician assistant from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances;
- (3) Inform all patients in contact with a physician assistant of the status of the physician assistant;
- (4) Post a notice stating that a physician assistant practices medicine or osteopathy in all locations where the physician assistant may practice;
- (5) Require a physician assistant to wear identification that clearly states that he or she is a physician assistant;
- (6) Prohibit a physician assistant from independently billing any patient or other payor for services rendered by the physician assistant;
- (7) If necessary, participate with the governing body of any hospital or other licensed health care facility in a credentialing process established by the facility;
- (8) Not require a physician assistant to perform services or other acts that the physician assistant feels incapable of carrying out safely and properly;
- (9) Maintain adequate, active, and continuous supervision of a physician assistant's activities to assure that the physician assistant is performing as directed and complying with the requirements of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 and all related administrative regulations;
- (10) ***A supervising physician shall review and countersign a sufficient number of overall medical notes written by the physician assistant to ensure quality of care provided by the physician assistant, but at a minimum, a supervising physician shall review and countersign at least ten percent (10%) of these overall medical notes every thirty (30) days. A countersignature shall not be required prior to orders being executed***~~Sign all records of service rendered by a physician assistant in a timely manner as certification that the physician assistant performed the services as delegated~~;
- (11)
 - (a) Reevaluate the reliability, accountability, and professional knowledge of a physician assistant two (2) years after the physician assistant's original licensure in this Commonwealth and every two (2) years thereafter; and
 - (b) Based on the reevaluation, recommend approval or disapproval of licensure or renewal to the board; and
- (12) Notify the board within three (3) business days if the supervising physician:
 - (a) Ceases to supervise or employ the physician assistant; or
 - (b) Believes in good faith that a physician assistant violated any disciplinary rule of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 or related administrative regulations.

Signed by Governor April 7, 2014.