

311.840 Definitions for KRS 311.840 to 311.862. (Effective July 15, 2026)

As used in KRS 311.840 to 311.862:

- (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure;
- (2) "Complaint" means a formal administrative pleading that sets forth charges against a physician assistant and commences a formal disciplinary proceeding;
- (3) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under KRS 311.840 to 311.862 who:
 - (a) Has graduated from a physician assistant or surgeon assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants or its predecessor or successor agencies and has passed the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its predecessor or successor agencies; or
 - (b) Possesses a current physician assistant certificate issued by the board prior to July 15, 2002;
- (4) "Podiatric supervision" means overseeing the activities of and accepting responsibility for the podiatric services rendered by a physician assistant. Each team of podiatrists and physician assistants shall ensure that the delegation of podiatric tasks is appropriate to the physician assistant's level of training and experience, that the identification of and access to the supervising podiatrist are clearly defined, and that a process for evaluation of the physician assistant's performance is established;
- (5) "Supervising physician" means a physician licensed by the board who supervises one (1) or more physician assistants;
- (6) "Supervising physician in anesthesia" means a physician licensed by the board who has completed postgraduate training in anesthesiology at an anesthesiology program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its equivalent;
- (7) "Supervising podiatrist" means a podiatrist approved by the board and the State Board of Podiatry to provide podiatric supervision for one (1) or more physician assistants; and
- (8) "Supervision":
 - (a) Means overseeing the activities and medical services rendered by a physician assistant. Each team of physicians and physician assistants shall ensure that the approved medical tasks are appropriate to the physician assistant's level of training and experience, that the identifications of and access to the supervising physician are clearly defined, and that a process for evaluation of the physician assistant's performance is established; and
 - (b) Does not require the physical presence of a supervising physician when medical services are rendered by a physician assistant.

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History: Amended 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 85, sec. 10, effective July 15, 2026; and ch. 94, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2026. -- Amended 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 1, effective July 12, 2006. -- Created 2002 Ky. Acts ch. 130, sec. 23, effective July 15, 2002.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2026). This statute was amended by 2026 Ky. Acts chs. 85 and 94, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been

codified together.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006). 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 11, provides: "A physician assistant who is certified in Kentucky and in good standing on the effective date of this Act [July 12, 2006] shall automatically be licensed under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act [KRS 311.840, 311.842, 311.844, 311.845, 311.846, 311.848, 311.850, 311.852, 311.856, and 311.862] and shall be issued a physician assistant license upon annual renewal."