

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB746

Patron: Henson

Bill Title: Physician assistants; authorization to practice without a practice agreement.

Bill Summary: Authorizes a physician assistant with at least three years of full-time clinical experience to practice without a practice agreement upon receipt of an attestation from a patient care team physician or patient care team podiatrist who provided collaboration and consultation to such physician assistant verifying the length and nature of the physician assistant's practice. The bill establishes methods for a physician assistant who is unable to obtain the required attestation to submit other evidence that the physician assistant meets the requirements to practice without a practice agreement and establishes a method for physician assistants who obtain licensure by endorsement to practice without a practice agreement if they meet the applicable requirements. The bill also establishes a scope of practice for physician assistants who practice without a practice agreement.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill allows a physician assistant with the requisite clinical experience to practice without a practice agreement following the provision of an attestation through one of the methods outlined in the bill. The Board of Medicine is required to issue a new license with a designation indicating that the physician assistant is eligible to practice without a practice agreement following the receipt of such attestation and a fee pursuant to the bill.

The Board of Medicine does not have an estimate for the number of physician assistants who may apply for authorization to practice without a practice agreement pursuant to this legislation. The Board of Medicine will need to devote additional staff time and attention to validating signed attestations or related documentation and will need to award a new license type to qualified individuals seeking such authorization. It is expected that any cost or workload impacts associated with these responsibilities can be absorbed by existing staff and can further be supported by any new fee revenue generated pursuant to the bill.

Other: n/a