

**NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA
JANUARY 19, 2018**

A Public Session meeting of the New Jersey Physician Assistant Advisory Committee will be held on January 19, 2018 at 9:00 at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ in the 7th floor Essex Conference Room.

I. ROLL CALL

Claire O'Connell, PA-C
Jeffrey A. Berman, MD
Todd Newman, PA-C
Jeffrey Maas, Public Member

Joshua Bengal, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
William V. Roeder, Executive Director
Karen Day-Burr, Assistant to the Executive Director

II. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Public Session meeting minutes from November 17, 2017.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Question-Dr. Connolly

In follow-up to Dr. Connolly's request in September 2017 for permission to supervise additional Physician Assistant's the administrative office has received correspondence and supporting documents for the Committee's review and consideration.

B. Public Question-Patricia McAndrew, BSN, RN

Ms. Peterson inquiring as to Supervising Physician's responsibilities of Physician Assistant's specifically Ms. Peterson would like to know:

1. Are physicians required to sign a delegation agreement with each Physician Assistant they are supervising? If not, when will the change go into effect?
 2. "If the PA is listed under the physician's policy as an additional insured, are they now required to maintain their own separate professional liability coverage in the amounts of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million per policy year, or does the PA solely need to provide proof of coverage, or certificate of insurance, to the Medical and PA Licensing Boards?"
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C. Public Question-Els Sincebaugh, PA-C/Randy Klein, M.D.

Ms. Sincebaugh has inquired if the Committee could provide “recommendations for the legal language that would allow us to reduce the amount of time the MDs spend signing notes for PA’s.” Ms. Sincebaugh would like to know if the Board has prepared a standard form for the “new cosigning requirement?”

D. Public Question- Alicia Andaloro, PA-C

Ms. Andaloro has inquired if it is appropriate for her to operate equipment in a Med Spa which would be used for fat removal, laser hair removal, scar and tattoo removal and injections. Ms. Andaloro specifically would like “list of things that a Physician Assistant can do/operate on their own without the physician present in the office.”

E. Public Question – Bethann Mercanti, PA-C

Ms. Mercanti has written to the administrative office seeking clarity regarding the prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. Ms. Mercanti would like to know “whether or not the supervising physician whose name is on the script needs to be the particular supervising physician for that day, who is not always on site? Or can it be any of the supervising physicians who have signed on to the Physician Assistant’s practice agreement?”

F. Public Question – Josh Ginsberg

Mr. Ginsberg has written to the administrative office seeking the Committee’s understanding of the NJ Regulations as it pertains to Physician Assistant’s ability to perform the following procedures in a physician’s office, while the physician is present.

-Phlebectomy- “a mini-surgical treatment for superficial varicose veins and so-called side branches”

-Sclerotherapy- “procedure used to treat blood vessels or blood vessel malformations and also those of the lymphatic system. A medicine is injected into the vessels, which makes them shrink.”

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Question follow-up– Ashley Signorile, PA-C

At its November 17, 2017 meeting, the administrative office provided correspondence from Ms. Signorile seeking clarity regarding Physician Assistant’s ability to administer Botox/Xeomin injections. The Committee requested the administrative office to obtain further information from Ms. Signorile as to the certification she averred was obtained from the State of NJ and the specialty of her supervising physician.

V. OFF AGENDA ITEMS

A. PA Modernization Act Rule Proposal

In August, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee’s rule proposal implementing the PA Modernization Act, was published in the New Jersey Register. The comment period expired October 20, 2017. Attached for consideration, is a draft adoption notice for the Physician Assistant’s scope of practice rule proposal and copies of the comments that have been received, to date.

B. Continuing Education on Opioids

13:35-2B.8 Credit-hour requirements

C. Continuing Medical Education

a. Hold/Alert Reports

1. Other Board Actions and Crime Offense letters
2. Continuing Medical Education- during the last renewal cycle there were 171 licensees who reported deficient CME.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
