1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 516 By: Montgomery of the Senate
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9	[ physician assistants - Physician Assistant Act - effective date ]
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
13	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 519.2, as
14	last amended by Section 1, Chapter 154, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.
15	2020, Section 519.2), is amended to read as follows:
16	Section 519.2. As used in the Physician Assistant Act:
17	1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and
18	Supervision;
19	2. "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Committee;
20	3. "Practice of medicine" means services which require training
21	in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, including the
22	use and administration of drugs, and which are performed by
23	physician assistants so long as such services are within the
24	physician assistants' skill, form a component of the physician's

1 scope of practice, and are provided with physician supervision, 2 including authenticating by signature any form that may be 3 authenticated by the delegating physician's signature with prior 4 delegation by the physician;

4. "Patient care setting" means and includes, but is not
limited to, a physician's office, clinic, hospital, nursing home,
extended care facility, patient's home, ambulatory surgical center,
hospice facility or any other setting authorized by the delegating
physician;

10 5. "Physician assistant" means a health care professional, 11 qualified by academic and clinical education and licensed by the 12 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, to practice 13 medicine with physician supervision;

14 6. "Delegating physician" means an individual holding a license
15 in good standing as a physician from the State Board of Medical
16 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic
17 Examiners, who supervises <u>an unlimited number of physician</u>
18 assistants and delegates decision making pursuant to the practice
19 agreement;

20 7. "Supervision" means overseeing or delegating the activities 21 of the medical services rendered by a physician assistant through a 22 practice agreement between a medical doctor or osteopathic physician 23 performing procedures or directly or indirectly involved with the 24 treatment of a patient, and the physician assistant working jointly

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toward a common goal of providing services. Delegation shall be defined by the practice agreement. The physical presence of the delegating physician is not required as long as the delegating physician and physician assistant are or can be easily in contact with each other by telecommunication. At all times a physician assistant shall be considered an agent of the delegating physician;

7 8. "Telecommunication" means the use of electronic technologies 8 to transmit words, sounds or images for interpersonal communication, 9 clinical care (telemedicine) and review of electronic health 10 records; and

9. "Practice agreement" means a written agreement between a 11 12 physician assistant and the delegating physician concerning the scope of practice of the physician assistant to only be determined 13 by the delegating physician and the physician assistant based on the 14 15 education, training, skills and experience of the physician assistant. The agreement shall involve the joint formulation, 16 discussion and agreement on the methods of supervision and 17 collaboration for diagnosis, consultation and treatment of medical 18 conditions. 19

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021. 21

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/07/2021 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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