

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2021

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 516

By: Montgomery

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7 **[ physician assistants - Physician Assistant Act -  
8 effective date ]**

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 519.2, as  
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 154, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.  
13 2020, Section 519.2), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 519.2. As used in the Physician Assistant Act:

- 15 1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
16 Supervision;
- 17 2. "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Committee;
- 18 3. "Practice of medicine" means services which require training  
19 in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease, including the  
20 use and administration of drugs, and which are performed by  
21 physician assistants so long as such services are within the  
22 physician assistants' skill, form a component of the physician's  
23 scope of practice, and are provided with physician supervision,  
24 including authenticating by signature any form that may be

1 authenticated by the delegating physician's signature with prior  
2 delegation by the physician;

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

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

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

18 7. "Supervision" means overseeing or delegating the activities  
19 of the medical services rendered by a physician assistant through a  
20 practice agreement between a medical doctor or osteopathic physician  
21 performing procedures or directly or indirectly involved with the  
22 treatment of a patient, and the physician assistant working jointly  
23 toward a common goal of providing services. Delegation shall be  
24 defined by the practice agreement. The physical presence of the

1 delegating physician is not required as long as the delegating  
2 physician and physician assistant are or can be easily in contact  
3 with each other by telecommunication. At all times a physician  
4 assistant shall be considered an agent of the delegating physician;

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

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
20 February 22, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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