

## 263 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

### 263 CMR 2.00: PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

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#### 2.01: Purpose

263 CMR 2.00 governs the licensure and practice of Physician Assistants in Massachusetts by establishing the scope of practice and standards of conduct, the eligibility requirements and administrative procedures for the issuance of licenses to qualified applicants and the renewal of such licenses for all physician assistants licensed by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants.

#### 2.02: Definitions

AMA. American Medical Association.

ARC-PA. Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant

Approved Program. A program for the education and training of physician assistants that has been accredited by ARC-PA, or such other accrediting agency as may qualify a graduate to sit for the NCCPA certifying examination and has been recognized by the Board.

Board. The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants.

Collaborating Organizations. The American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and the American Association of Physician Assistant Programs, and such other organizations as may be identified by the AMA as collaborating in the adoption of the *Essentials and Guidelines of an Accredited Educational Program for the Physician Assistant* or the *Essentials of an Accredited Educational Program for the Surgeon's Assistant*.

Health Care Facility. A hospital, or clinic subject to licensing under M.G.L. c. 111, § 51; a long term care facility, including an infirmary maintained in a town, a convalescent or nursing home, a rest home, or a charitable home for the aged subject to licensing under M.G.L. c. 111, § 71; any public medical institution, including state hospitals and institutions for persons with developmental disabilities, and alcoholism detoxification facilities; any professional corporation organized under M.G.L. c. 156A to provide medical services; and any health maintenance organization legally operating in the Commonwealth.

License. A license issued by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to an individual physician assistant, certifying that he or she has met the educational and examination requirements established by the Board and is duly qualified to practice as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MassHealth. The Medical assistance program known as MassHealth administered by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services pursuant to M.G.L. c. 118E and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

NCCPA. National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Physician Assistant. A person who meets the requirements for full or temporary licensure as set forth in M.G.L. c. 112, § 9I and 263 CMR 3.00: *Licensure of Individual Physician Assistants*, and who may provide medical services appropriate to his or her training, experience and skills under the supervision of a physician licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine.

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Person. An individual, corporation, society or partnership as defined in M.G.L. c. 4, § 7.

### 2.03: Advisory Rulings

(1) Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 8, the Board may, upon the request of any interested person or government agency, make an advisory ruling with respect to the applicability to any person or state of facts of any provision of 263 CMR 2.00 or the applicable statutes under which 263 CMR 2.00 was adopted.

(2) Any interested person or government agency desiring an advisory ruling under 263 CMR 2.03(1) shall direct his or her request in writing to the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants. Each such request shall be entitled *Request for Advisory Ruling*, and shall set forth, clearly and succinctly, the following: name and address of the person making the request; his interest in the matter; person and state of facts with respect to which ruling is requested; and the statutory provision or the section of 263 CMR 2.00 involved. The person or government agency making such request may also include therein his, her or its views and opinions as to the proper ruling.

### 2.04: Severability

The provisions of 263 CMR are severable. If any provision of 263 CMR is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected.

## REGULATORY AUTHORITY

263 CMR 2.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 9C through 9K.