

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT / PHYSICIAN PRACTICE AGREEMENT

Practice/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_
Physician Representing Practice/Organization (Participating Physician) \_\_\_\_\_
Physician MI License Number \_\_\_\_\_
Practice/Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_
Physician Assistant Name \_\_\_\_\_
Physician Assistant MI License Number \_\_\_\_\_

- The Physician listed above (or a physician designated by that physician when he/she is unavailable) agrees to be continuously available in person or by direct telecommunication to the Physician Assistant to ensure that appropriate physician consultation is available to the Physician Assistant at all times that the Physician Assistant is engaged in clinical activities. Protocol for such communication is:

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- Protocol for designating alternative physician when Participating Physician is unavailable:

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- The Participating Physician and Physician Assistant agree to periodically review the practice agreement to evaluate medical protocols and verify credentials.

- The Participating Physician and Physician Assistant agree to comply with State Laws regarding scope-of-practice and recognize the education, training and experience in determining the duties and responsibilities of the parties. Any restrictions of duties may be detailed below:

[ ] No further restrictions [ ] Participating Physician & Physician Assistant agree to specific practice restrictions as follows:

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- The Participating Physician and Physician Assistant agree to comply with State and Federal Laws regarding the prescription of drugs, including controlled substances included in schedules 2-5, and recognize the education, training, and experience in determining the prescriptive responsibilities of the Physician Assistant. Any prescriptive restrictions for the Physician Assistant may be detailed below:

[ ] No further restrictions [ ] Participating Physician & Physician Assistant agree to specific prescribing restrictions as follows:

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If either party, for any reason, wishes to terminate this contract, a thirty day written notice shall be submitted by the party informing the other party of their intentions to terminate.

Therefore, having accepted the above provisions and having verified the Physician Assistant's credentials, the parties shall affix their signatures (below) to attest to their agreement of conditions as set forth in this document.

Physician Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Assistant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THIS DOCUMENT COMPLIES WITH ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN PA 379 OF 2016 (PA 379 of 2016 does not mandate any specific Practice Agreement format. Only the collection and documentation of specific information, as detailed in the above document, is required under PA 379 of 2016.)

Please note:

- Public Act 379 of 2016 removed the previous PA/physician ratios in statute and created new language that triggers disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Medicine or the Podiatric Board of Medicine if the number of PAs per physician exceeds a reasonable standard-of-practice threshold.
- Existing state law specifically allows a Physician Assistant to make calls and go on rounds with patients in accordance with a Practice Agreement and may co-own a medical practice with a physician if a Practice Agreement is in place.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDENDUM AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

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## Instructions

1. Fill out information as described in the Practice Agreement.
2. If the physician assistant will be prescribing schedule II - V drugs, the physician assistant must have their own State of Michigan Controlled Substance License and DEA registration.
3. Each party should sign and retain a copy of the agreement on file. The Practice Agreement does not need to be filed with the State of Michigan, but it must be readily available for inspection.
4. The Practice Agreement must be updated if the conditions of the 'Agreement' change (i.e.: removing drug restrictions or practice restrictions). If updated, the Practice Agreement must reflect those changes and signed and dated by both the PA and participating physician.

## Definition of Terms in PA 379

- **"Participating physician"**: means 'a physician, a physician designated by a group of physicians under section 333.17049 to represent that group, or a physician designated by a health facility or agency under section 333.20174 to represent that health facility or agency.'
- **"Practice Agreement"**: A Practice Agreement is a written, contractual agreement between a PA and a participating physician that is now required by law under Public Act 379. This 'Agreement' will generally define the process and protocols by which the PA and their participating physician will provide medical care to their patients. It is not intended to be a detailed or lengthy document, but rather, provide a general understanding of each professional's knowledge and skills that will be utilized in that particular practice setting. The Practice Agreement can also place limitations on specific duties, procedures or drugs, if the parties of the 'Agreement' choose to do so.
- **"Prescribers"**: The term "prescribers" is an exclusive designation in law that allows independent prescribing. Included in this designation is a licensed dentist, a licensed doctor of medicine, a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, a licensed doctor of podiatric medicine and surgery, a licensed optometrist certified under Part 174 to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, and a licensed veterinarian. Physician Assistants are now also designated as full "prescribers" under PA 379, limited only by agreed-upon restrictions listed within a Practice Agreement.

## Background & Additional Information

- Public Act 379 of 2016 was passed into law in December of 2016 and removes the terms 'supervision' and 'delegation' in favor of a written Practice Agreement. This Practice Agreement is intended to promote a mutual understanding of practice roles between a PA and a physician through a written agreement.
- **PA 379 will go into effect on March 22, 2017.** A physician assistant and their participating physician must have the new Practice Agreement in place by this date.

**If you have questions or require additional help, please visit these sites:**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Final\\_PA\\_New\\_Lic\\_form\\_1\\_11\\_2017\\_Revision\\_548263\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Final_PA_New_Lic_form_1_11_2017_Revision_548263_7.pdf)

or

<http://www.michiganpa.org>