

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.18047 Practice as physician's assistant; practice agreement; requirements.

Sec. 18047.

(1) A physician's assistant shall not engage in the practice as a physician's assistant except under the terms of a practice agreement that meets the requirements of this section.

(2) A practice agreement must include all of the following:

(a) A process between the physician's assistant and participating podiatrist for communication, availability, and decision making when providing medical treatment to a patient. The process must utilize the knowledge and skills of the physician's assistant and participating podiatrist based on their education, training, and experience.

(b) A protocol for designating an alternative podiatrist for consultation in situations in which the participating podiatrist is not available for consultation.

(c) The signature of the physician's assistant and the participating podiatrist.

(d) A termination provision that allows the physician's assistant or participating podiatrist to terminate the practice agreement by providing written notice at least 30 days before the date of termination.

(e) Subject to section 18048, the duties and responsibilities of the physician's assistant and participating podiatrist. The practice agreement shall not include as a duty or responsibility of the physician's assistant or participating podiatrist an act, task, or function that the physician's assistant or participating podiatrist is not qualified to perform by education, training, or experience and that is not within the scope of the license held by the physician's assistant or participating podiatrist.

(f) A requirement that the participating podiatrist verify the physician's assistant's credentials.

(3) The number of physician's assistants in a practice agreement with a participating podiatrist and the number of individuals to whom a podiatrist has delegated the authority to perform acts, tasks, or functions are subject to section 16221.

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