

HB0584/976780/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 584
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “circumstances;” in line 5 and substitute “repealing a requirement that certain patients be seen by certain physicians who supervise certain physician assistants under certain circumstances; requiring certain delegation agreements to contain a certain statement;”; in line 10, after “15-301” insert “and 15-302(b)”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 15-302(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 32, inclusive; and after line 32, insert:

“15-302.

(a) A physician may delegate medical acts to a physician assistant only after:

(1) A delegation agreement has been executed and filed with the Board; and

(2) Any advanced duties have been authorized as required under subsection (c) of this section.

(Over)

- (b) The delegation agreement shall contain:
- (1) A description of the qualifications of the primary supervising physician and physician assistant;
 - (2) A description of the settings in which the physician assistant will practice;
 - (3) A description of the continuous physician supervision mechanisms that are reasonable and appropriate to the practice setting;
 - (4) A description of the delegated medical acts that are within the primary or alternate supervising physician's scope of practice and require specialized education or training that is consistent with accepted medical practice;
 - (5) An attestation that all medical acts to be delegated to the physician assistant are within the scope of practice of the primary or alternate supervising physician and appropriate to the physician assistant's education, training, and level of competence;
 - (6) An attestation of continuous supervision of the physician assistant by the primary supervising physician through the mechanisms described in the delegation agreement;
 - (7) An attestation by the primary supervising physician of the physician's acceptance of responsibility for any care given by the physician assistant;
 - (8) A description prepared by the primary supervising physician of the process by which the physician assistant's practice is reviewed appropriate to the practice setting and consistent with current standards of acceptable medical practice;

(9) An attestation by the primary supervising physician that the physician will respond in a timely manner when contacted by the physician assistant; [and]

(10) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: “THE PRIMARY SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AND THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ATTEST THAT:

(i) THEY WILL ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR THE TYPES OF CASES THAT REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN PLAN OF CARE OR REQUIRE THAT THE PATIENT INITIALLY OR PERIODICALLY BE SEEN BY THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN; AND

(ii) THE PATIENT WILL BE PROVIDED ACCESS TO THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN ON REQUEST”; AND

[(10)] (11) Any other information deemed necessary by the Board to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.”.