



Physician Assistants: State Laws and Regulations

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MICHIGAN STATUTE

STATUTE

Michigan Compiled Laws §333.17001 *et seq.*, §550.140d, §18001 *et seq.* (podiatric medicine and surgery)

DATE

Enacted 1976

REGULATORY BODY

Michigan Task Force on PAs, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

PA DEFINED

No provision

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Except in emergency, PA shall provide medical care services only under supervision of approved physician or designated alternate physician, and only when those services are within scope of practice of supervising physician and are delegated by supervising physician or podiatrist.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17076(1)

PA may make calls or go on rounds in private homes, public institutions, emergency vehicles, ambulatory care clinics, hospitals, intermediate or extended care facilities, HMOs, nursing homes, or other facilities to extent permitted by bylaws and rules of the facilities. PA may make calls or go on rounds as provided in this subsection without restrictions on the time or frequency of visits by the physician or the PA.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17076(2)

PA shall not perform acts to determine refractive state of human eye or treatment of refractive anomalies, prescribe lenses or spectacles. Not precluded from routine visual screening and testing, postoperative care, assistance in care of medical diseases of eye under supervision of approved physician. PAs acting under the supervision of a podiatrist shall only perform those duties within the scope of practice of the supervising podiatrist.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17074, §18049

To the extent a particular medical care service requires extensive medical training, education or ability, or poses serious risks to health and safety of patients, the medical board may prohibit or restrict their delegation or require higher levels of supervision.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17048

PA is to be considered the agent of the supervising physician or podiatrist. PA shall conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for the supervising physician or podiatrist.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17078

PRESCRIBING/DISPENSING

PA may prescribe drugs, including Schedule II-V controlled substances, as a delegated by supervising physician in accordance with procedures and protocol for the prescription established by board rules. When delegated prescription occurs, both the PA's name and the supervising physician's name shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with each individual prescription so that the individual who dispenses or administers the prescription knows under whose delegated authority the PA is prescribing. When delegated prescription of drugs that are included in schedules II-V occurs, both the PA's and the supervising physician's DEA registration numbers shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with each individual prescription.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17076



The board may promulgate rules for the delegation of prescribing by a supervising physician to a PA. The rules may define classes of drugs which may not be delegated, and other procedures and protocols necessary to promote consistency with federal and state laws. Physician's and PA's names shall be used, recorded or otherwise indicated in connection with each individual Rx.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17048

SUPERVISION

Supervision means overseeing or participating in work of another individual by licensed physician where all of the following conditions exist:

- Continuous availability of direct communication in person or by radio, telephone or telecommunications
- Availability of physician on regularly scheduled basis to review practice of PA
- Provision by licensed physician of predetermined procedures and drug protocol

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16109

Supervision also means providing predetermined plan for emergency situations, including designation of alternate supervising physician.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17001

A physician or podiatrist who supervises a PA is responsible for verification of PA credentials, evaluating performance, monitoring practice, maintaining a permanent written record of physician and PA names and license numbers. Physician is also responsible for clinical supervision of PA who is delegated care of a patient for whom the physician is the case manager.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17049, §18049

CHART CO-SIGNATURE

Physician not required to countersign orders written in patient's clinical record by PA to whom physician has delegated medical care.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17049

PAs PER PHYSICIAN

A physician or podiatrist who is a sole practitioner or who practices in a group and treats outpatients shall not supervise more than 4 PAs. A physician or podiatrist who supervises PAs at more than 1 practice site may not supervise more than 2 PAs by any means other than being physically present at the site.

A physician or podiatrist employed by or under contract to, or who has privileges at, a licensed health facility or state correctional facility may supervise more than 4 PAs at those facilities.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17048, §18048

APPLICATION

PA shall apply for licensure on form provided by department.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17068

QUALIFICATIONS

- 18 or older
- Good moral character
- Working knowledge of English language (to meet standards established by the department)
- Not under sanctions imposed by another jurisdiction

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16174

- Graduate of approved PA program, or
- Be licensed, certified, registered or approved as PA in another state with substantially equivalent minimum requirements

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17062

- Passage of examination (may be waived if applicant has passed national certifying exam)

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17064

TEMPORARY/NEW GRADUATE PERMIT

Board may grant nonrenewable temporary license to applicant who meets all requirements for licensure except examination. Valid for period of time as determined by Task Force, not to exceed 1 year, or until exam results are available, whichever is sooner.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17072

BOARD NOTIFICATION

No provision

CONTINUING EDUCATION

No provision

TITLE/PRACTICE PROTECTION

A person shall not practice as a PA unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this [law].

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17011

The title, “physician’s assistant” and “PA” are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this [law].

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16263

IDENTIFICATION

PA shall publicly display current certificate of licensure at the practice site, if feasible, and shall have available for inspection a pocket card issued by department containing essentials of license. While working, PAs shall wear appropriate identification, clearly indicating that they are PAs.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17072

PHYSICIAN LIABILITY

Physician shall not delegate ultimate responsibility for quality of medical care services, even if services are provided by a PA.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17048

FEE/RENEWAL SCHEDULE

- Application processing fee: \$30
- License fee: \$50 (annually)
- Temporary license: \$35
- Limited license: \$25 (annually)

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16337

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Medical board shall make written recommendations on criteria for evaluation of PA training programs to PA Task Force.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17054

Task Force sets criteria for education and training of PAs, substantially equivalent to nationally recognized standards.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17060

BOARD REPRESENTATION/ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joint Task Force for PAs and osteopathic PAs consists of 1 member each from boards of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and podiatric medicine, plus 5 PAs and 2 public members.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17025

Michigan board of medicine consists of 10 MDs, 1 PA, and 8 public members.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17021



BOARD POWERS

Task Force shall:

- Promulgate rules necessary for implementation of act
- Establish minimum licensure requirements for PA education, training, or experience
- Develop guidelines on delegation of functions and supervision of PAs
- Direct the department to issue licenses to applicants who met requirements
- Establish criteria for evaluation of PA education and training programs
- Make recommendations to board regarding rules to be developed for approval or physicians wishing to supervise PAs

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17060

DISCIPLINARY POWERS

Deny, suspend, limit, revoke license or renewal. Reprimand, limit, impose restitution, probation, community service, or fine.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16226

VIOLATIONS/PENALTY

Among the grounds for disciplinary action are:

- Negligence or failure to exercise due care, or any conduct or condition which impairs safe practice
- Incompetence, unprofessional conduct
- Substance abuse, unlawful use of controlled substances
- Mental or physical inability adversely affecting practice
- Mental incompetence (as declared by court of competent jurisdiction)
- Conviction of misdemeanor or felony related to and adversely affecting safe practice
- Fraud or deceit in obtaining license
- Permitting license to be used by unauthorized person
- Practice outside scope of license
- Unethical business practices (false or misleading advertising, fraud or deceit concerning third party reimbursement)

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16221

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Third party payer may not deny payment for services provided by PA in county of 25,000 or fewer or rural health clinic or health professional shortage area if PA and physician practice in specialty area and physician is on site or if PA and physician are in family practice and physician is present within 150 miles or 3 hours commute.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §550.1401d

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

No provision

STUDENTS

This [law] does not apply to student in training to become a PA while performing duties assigned as part of training.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17056

MICHIGAN STATUTE — OSTEOPATHIC

STATUTE

Michigan Compiled Laws §333.17501 *et seq.*, §550.1401d

DATE

Enacted 1978

REGULATORY BODY

Michigan Task Force on PAs, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

PA DEFINED

[See Scope of Practice]

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Practice as PA is a health sub-field of practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery and the practice of medicine; means practice of osteopathic medicine performed under supervision of licensed osteopathic physician or licensed podiatrist.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17501; 17508

PA may make calls or go on rounds in private homes, public institutions, emergency vehicles, ambulatory care clinics, hospitals, intermediate or extended care facilities, HMOs, nursing homes, or other facilities to extent permitted by bylaws and rules of the facilities. PA may make calls or go on rounds as provided in this subsection without restrictions on the time or frequency of visits by the physician or the PA.

To extent particular medical services require extensive training and education or pose serious risk to patient health and safety, osteopathic board may prohibit or otherwise restrict delegation.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17548

A supervising physician may delegate to the PA the performance of medical care services for a patient who is under the case management responsibility of the physician, if the delegation is consistent with the PA's training.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17549

PRESCRIBING/DISPENSING

PA may prescribe drugs, including Schedule II-V controlled substances, as a delegated by supervising physician in accordance with procedures and protocol for the prescription established by board rules. When delegated prescription occurs, both the PA's name and the supervising physician's name shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in connection with each individual prescription so that the individual who dispenses or administers the prescription knows under whose delegated authority the PA is prescribing.

Osteopathic board may promulgate rules for delegation of prescribing by physicians to PAs. Rules shall define drugs and classes of drugs which may not be delegated and other procedures and protocols necessary to promote consistency with federal and state drug control and enforcement laws. When delegated prescribing occurs, supervising physician's name and PA's name shall be used, recorded or otherwise indicated in connection with each individual Rx.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17548

SUPERVISION

Supervision means overseeing or participating in work of another individual by a licensed physician where all of the following conditions exist:

- Continuous availability of direct communication in person or by radio, telephone or telecommunication
- Availability of physician on regularly scheduled basis to review practice and provide consultation, review records, further educate PA in performance of functions

MICH. COMP. LAWS §16109



Supervision also means providing a predetermined plan for emergency situations, including designation of alternate supervising physician.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17501

Board may require higher levels of supervision depending on tasks delegated.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17548

A physician who supervises a PA is responsible for verification of PA credentials, evaluating performance, monitoring practice, maintaining a permanent written record of physician and PA names and license numbers. Also responsible for clinical supervision of PA who is delegated care of a patient for whom physician is the case manager. A group of physicians practicing other than as sole practitioners may designate one or more physicians in the group to fulfill the supervisory role.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17549

CHART CO-SIGNATURE

Osteopathic physician not required to countersign orders written in patient's clinical record by PA to whom physician has delegated medical care.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17549

PAs PER PHYSICIAN

An osteopathic physician who is a sole practitioner or who practices in a group and treats outpatients shall not supervise more than 4 PAs. Physician who supervises PAs at more than one practice site shall not supervise more than 2 PAs by other means than being physically present at the site.

A physician employed by or under contract to or who has privileges at a licensed health facility or a state correctional facility may supervise more than 4 PAs at those facilities.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17548

APPLICATION

No provision

QUALIFICATIONS

Osteopathic board to make written recommendations on criteria for approval of PAs to PA Task Force.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17554

TEMPORARY/NEW GRADUATE PERMIT

No provision

BOARD NOTIFICATION

No provision

CONTINUING EDUCATION

No provision

TITLE/PRACTICE PROTECTION

A person shall not engage in practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery or practice as a physician's assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this law.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17511

IDENTIFICATION

No provision

PHYSICIAN LIABILITY

Physician may not delegate ultimate responsibility for the quality of medical care services even if the services are provided by a PA.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17548

FEE/RENEWAL SCHEDULE

No provision

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Osteopathic board to make recommendations to PA Task Force on criteria for evaluation of PA training programs.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17554

BOARD REPRESENTATION/ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joint Task Force to advise board of osteopathic medicine and surgery and board of medicine consists of 1 physician from medical board, 1 physician from osteopathic board, 5 PAs, 2 public members.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17525

Michigan board of osteopathic medicine and surgery consists of 11 voting members: 7 DOs, 1 PA, 3 public members.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17521

BOARD POWERS

[See allopathic statute]

DISCIPLINARY POWERS

[See allopathic statute]

VIOLATIONS/PENALTY

[See allopathic statute]

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Third party payer may not deny payment for services provided by PA in county of 25,000 or fewer or rural health clinic or health professional shortage area if PA and physician practice in specialty area and physician is on site or if PA and physician are in family practice and physician is present within 150 miles or 3 hours commute.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §550.1401d

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

No provision

STUDENTS

Student in training to become PA is exempt from provisions of the law while performing duties assigned as part of that training.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §17556



MICHIGAN REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS

Michigan Administrative Code R 338.6101; 6201; 6301-08; 338.2304; 338.108a

DATE

Revised 11/12

REGULATORY BODY

Michigan Task Force on PAs, Department of Consumer and Industry Services

PA DEFINED

[See statute]

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

[See statute]

PRESCRIBING/DISPENSING

Supervising physician may delegate ability to prescribe controlled substances in Schedules II-V to PA. Physician must establish written authorization that includes information on physician and PA, limitations or exceptions to delegation and effective date. Copy of authorization must be maintained in each location where delegation occurs. Yearly update required. Delegating physician shall not delegate the prescription of a drug or device individually, in combination, or in succession with the intent to terminate a pregnancy.

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.2304, 338.108a

SUPERVISION

[See statute]

CHART CO-SIGNATURE

No provision

PAs PER PHYSICIAN

[See statute]

APPLICATION

PA applies for license on department forms.

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.6301

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from approved PA program
- Passage of NCCPA exam

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.6301

Applicant for relicensure must show proof of passing the NCCPA's PANCE or PANRE exam within the 6-year period preceding date of application.

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.6308

Applicant licensed in another state before July 7, 1986 who has passed the NCCPA exam may be licensed without meeting educational requirements. If first licensed by another state on or after July 7, 1986, must also show proof of completing approved program.

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.6305

TEMPORARY/NEW GRADUATE PERMIT

[See statute]



BOARD NOTIFICATION

[See statute]

CONTINUING EDUCATION

No provision

TITLE/PRACTICE PROTECTION

[See statute]

IDENTIFICATION

[See statute]

PHYSICIAN LIABILITY

[See statute]

FEE/RENEWAL SCHEDULE

[See statute]

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Task Force approves and adopts by reference the standards for accrediting PA programs established by CAHEA.

MICH. ADMIN. CODE R338.6201

BOARD REPRESENTATION/ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[See statute]

BOARD POWERS

[See statute]

DISCIPLINARY POWERS

[See statute]

VIOLATIONS/PENALTY

[See statute]

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

[See statute]

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

[See statute]

STUDENTS

[See statute]

