

POLICY

TOPIC: Emergency Situations related to Physician Assistants’ Intent to Practice

PURPOSE: To define emergency situations and establish a policy/procedure that will be followed regarding a Physician Assistant’s Intent to Practice in an emergency situation.

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Policy Statement/Procedure:

Emergency situation is defined as an injury, sudden illness, death or other unforeseen unavailability of the physician assistant’s primary supervising physician.

In an emergency situation the Board authorizes the staff to grant the physician assistant continued ability to practice until a new intent to practice is received and processed as follows:

- (1) The physician assistant shall notify the Board within two (2) business days of the emergency situation by first calling the Board and then following up in writing to describe the emergency situation. Written notification may be submitted via email. Direct correspondence to supervisory@ncmedboard.org.
- (2) The physician assistant may be given up to thirty (30) days from the date of the emergency situation to submit an intent to practice for a new primary supervising physician.
- (3) If an Intent to Practice for a new primary supervising physician is not submitted within thirty (30) days, the physician assistant can no longer practice at the affected practice site.