

5. The following supervisory ratios are met:

- i. In a private practice which is not hospital based or institutionally affiliated, no more than two physician assistants to one physician at any one time;
- ii. In all other settings, no more than four physician assistants to one physician at any one time.

(c) Upon application to the Board, the Board may alter the supervisory ratios set forth in (b) above.

(d) A supervising physician may assign physician assistants under his or her supervision to a physician designee, who shall be responsible for the practice of the physician assistant during the assignment.

Amended by R.2000 d.349, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2132(a), 32 N.J.R. 3174(a).

In (b)4ii, inserted an exception.

Amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

In (b), inserted "or physician designee" following "The supervising physician" in the introductory paragraph of 4; rewrote (d).  
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See: 42 N.J.R. 859(b), 1255(d), 2150(c).

### 13:35-2B.11 Recordkeeping

(a) Licensees shall make contemporaneous, permanent entries into professional treatment records which shall accurately reflect the treatment or services rendered. To the extent applicable, professional treatment records shall reflect:

1. The dates and times of all treatments;
2. The patient complaint;
3. The history;
4. Findings on appropriate examination;
5. Any orders for tests or consultations and the results thereof;
6. Diagnosis or medical impression; and
7. Treatment ordered. If medications are ordered, the patient record shall include:
  - i. Specific dosages, quantities and strengths of medications;
  - ii. A statement indicating whether the medication order is written pursuant to protocol or specific physician direction. Acceptable abbreviations are "prt" for protocol and "spd" for specific physician direction;
  - iii. The physician assistant's full name, printed or stamped, and the license number; and
  - iv. The supervising physician's full name, printed or stamped.

(b) If the information required pursuant to (a)8iii and iv appears at least once in the patient record, it need not be repeated each time a medication order is entered in the patient record.

(c) The physician assistant shall sign each entry in the patient record and record the designation "PA-C" following his or her signature.

(d) To the extent a physician assistant is charged with independent responsibility for the provision of information used to prepare bills and claims forms, such information shall accurately reflect the treatment or services rendered.

Amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

In (a), deleted former 5 and recodified former 6 through 8 as 5 through 7.

### 13:35-2B.12 Requirements for issuing prescriptions for medications; special requirements for issuance of CDS

(a) A physician assistant may issue prescriptions for medications only in accordance with the requirements contained in this section.

(b) A physician assistant shall provide the following on all prescription blanks:

1. The physician assistant's full name, professional identification ("PA-C"), license number, address and telephone number. This information shall be printed on all prescription blanks;
2. The supervising physician's full name, printed or stamped;
3. A statement indicating whether the prescription is written pursuant to protocol or specific physician direction. Acceptable abbreviations are "prt" for protocol and "spd" for specific physician direction;
4. The full name, age and address of the patient;
5. The date of issuance of the prescription;
6. The name, strength and quantity of drug or drugs to be dispensed and route of administration;
7. Adequate instruction for the patient. A direction of "p.r.n." or "as directed" alone shall be deemed an insufficient direction;
8. The number of refills permitted or time limit for refills, or both;
9. The signature of the prescriber, hand-written;
10. The words "substitution permissible" and "do not substitute" and shall contain space for the physician assistant's initials next to the chosen option, in addition to the space required for the signature required by (b)9 above; and
11. The physician assistant's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number, if the physician assistant is authorized to issue CDS.

(c) A physician assistant may order or prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS) if:

1. A supervising physician has authorized a physician assistant to order or prescribe Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled dangerous substances in order to:

i. Continue or reissue an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous substance issued by the supervising physician;

ii. Adjust the dosage of an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous substance originally ordered or prescribed by the supervising physician, provided there is prior consultation with the supervising physician;

iii. Initiate an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous substance for a patient, provided there is prior consultation with the supervising physician if the order or prescription is not pursuant to iv below; or

iv. Initiate an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous substance as part of a treatment plan for a patient with a terminal illness, which for the purposes of this subparagraph means a medical condition that results in a patient's life expectancy being 12 months or less as determined by the supervising physician; and

2. The physician assistant has registered with and obtained authorization to order or prescribe controlled dangerous substances from the appropriate State and Federal agencies.

(d) Only one controlled dangerous substance shall appear on a prescription blank.

(e) Written prescriptions shall be issued only on New Jersey Prescription Blanks (NJPB), secured from an approved vendor and subject to the required security mandates of the prescription blank program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14-55.

Amended by R.1999 d.356, effective October 18, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1742(a), 31 N.J.R. 3117(a).

In (a), deleted a former 1, and recodified former 2 and 3 as 1 and 2.

Amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

In (a), added 3.

Amended by R.2008 d.135, effective June 2, 2008.

See: 39 N.J.R. 2201(a), 40 N.J.R. 3316(a).

Section was "Requirements for issuing prescriptions for medications; memorialization of verbal orders for CDS given by physicians". In the introductory paragraph of (a), inserted "for medications" and substituted "requirements contained in this section" for "following conditions"; added (b); recodified former (a)1 as the introductory paragraph of (c) and rewrote (c); deleted former (a)2 through (a)3; and added (d) and (e).

Amended by R.2011 d.155, effective June 6, 2011.

See: 42 N.J.R. 1310(a), 43 N.J.R. 1359(b).

In (e), updated the N.J.S.A. reference.

### 13:35-2B.13 Eligibility for temporary licensure

(a) An individual who has filed an application for licensure and is waiting to take the next scheduled examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or awaiting the results of the examination may apply to the Board for a temporary license

to be employed under the direct supervision of a physician, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.2 and 2B.15.

(b) An applicant for temporary licensure shall submit to the Board, with the completed application form, the documents required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.5, the required fee, and evidence that the applicant has filed an application for the NCCPA examination.

New Rule, R.1995 d.423, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1526(a), 27 N.J.R. 2959(a).

### 13:35-2B.14 Temporary licensure; scope of practice

(a) A temporary license holder who has complied with the practice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.3 may perform all of the procedures within the scope of practice of a physician assistant, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4(a) and (b) and subject to the limitations therein, except that a temporary license holder shall not issue prescriptions. A temporary license holder may write orders for medication, treatment, or testing consistent with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.15.

(b) A temporary license holder shall engage in practice only under the direct supervision of a physician pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.15.

New Rule, R.1995 d.423, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1526(a), 27 N.J.R. 2959(a).

Amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

In (a), added the last sentence.

### 13:35-2B.15 Supervision of temporary license holder

(a) A temporary license holder shall not render care unless the following conditions are met:

1. In any setting, the supervising physician, physician designee or a designated physician assistant:

i. Is continuously present on-site; and

ii. Countersigns, immediately after its entry in the chart, any order for medication, treatment, or testing written by the temporary license holder.

2. In the event that the countersignature in (a)1 above is that of a designated physician assistant, the supervising physician or physician designee, within the appropriate conditions set in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10(b) 4, shall:

i. Personally review all charts and patient records and the temporary license holder's entry in the chart and record; and

ii. Countersign any order for medication, treatment, or testing written by the temporary licensee.

New Rule, R.1995 d.423, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1526(a), 27 N.J.R. 2959(a).

Amended by R.2005 d.120, effective April 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4633(a), 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).

Rewrote (a).