

MICHIGAN PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT LICENSING GUIDE

Recent legislation taking effect March 22, 2017 has amended the Michigan Public Health Code (Code), 1978 PA 368. Pursuant to 2016 PA 379, 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 the Code. The required contents of a practice agreement may be found in the Public Health Code at MCL 333.17047 (medicine), MCL 333.17547 (osteopathic medicine & surgery) or MCL 333.18047 (podiatric medicine & surgery) of the Public Health Code found on the department's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl under "Laws, Rules & Other Resources".

An individual who is licensed as a physician's assistant in Michigan is eligible for a controlled substance license. Pursuant to MCL 333.17076(2), 333.17548(4) and 333.18051(2) of the Public Health Code, a physician's assistant who is a party to a **practice agreement** may prescribe a drug in accordance with procedures and protocols for the prescription established by rule of the department in consultation with the appropriate board. In order to prescribe a controlled substance that is included in schedules 2 to 5 of Part 72 of the Code, a physician's assistant must obtain a controlled substance license from the department. The application for a controlled substance license may be found on the department's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl. If a physician's assistant prescribes a drug, the physician's assistant's name and DEA registration number, must be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated with the prescription.

ALL APPLICANTS:

- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received and entered into the database.
- Human Trafficking requirement – Administrative Rule R 338.6103: This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education (CE). Licensees renewing in 2018 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2019 by 2021, and renewals for 2020 by 2022. Beginning April 22, 2021, completion of the training is a requirement for initial license issuance.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT LICENSE BY EXAMINATION **(first license)**

- Graduate from an accredited Physician's Assistant (PA) educational program.
- Pass the PANCE examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA).
- Submit the Physician's Assistant by Examination application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27550---,00.html with the appropriate fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license, submit the additional fee listed on the application.
- You may also submit an additional fee listed on the application to apply for a temporary license if you have completed the PA educational program, but have not yet taken the PANCE examination.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT **(currently licensed in another state)**

If first licensed in another state to practice BEFORE July 7, 1986, graduated from an accredited Physician's Assistant (PA) education program:

- Submit the Physician's Assistant by Endorsement application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27550---,00.html with the appropriate fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license, submit the additional fee listed on the application.
- Pass the PANCE examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA).
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or province where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.

If first licensed in another state ON OR AFTER July 7, 1986:

- Submit the Physician's Assistant by Endorsement application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27550---,00.html with the appropriate fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license, submit the additional fee listed on the application.
- Official transcripts to be submitted to this office from an approved educational program from which you graduated. Transcripts must show degree awarded and the date conferred.
- Pass the PANCE examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA).
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or province where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.