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Overview

This act allows physician assistants to provide care in disasters without having physician-physician assistant agreements, as long as the physician assistants are appropriately supervised.

- 1 Responding to disaster situations.** Adds § 147A.23. Allows PAs who are appropriately credentialed in Minnesota or another United States jurisdiction to provide care under their credentials in disaster situations, without having a physician-physician assistant agreement as otherwise required by statute. In these situations, PAs must have physician supervision provided under the direction of an emergency medical director in accordance with rules adopted by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board. Requires the PA, before providing care under this section, to establish a temporary supervisory agreement with the emergency medical director. Provides that the supervising physician who supervises the PA's other work is not medically responsible for care rendered by the PA in disaster situations.