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Overview

The bill 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 jurisdiction to provide care within their scope of practice 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, and the supervising physician need not have a physician-physician assistant agreement with the PA being supervised. Provides that the supervising physician involved in the PA's other work is not medically responsible for care rendered by the PA in disaster situations.