

Subject Physician assistant authority to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment

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Summary

Under current law, a physician assistant must have a practice agreement at the practice level that describes the practice of the physician assistant, and the practice agreement must be reviewed on an annual basis by a licensed physician within the same clinic, hospital, health system, or other facility. Additionally, in order to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment for children with emotional disturbance or adults with serious mental illness, a physician assistant must have a practice agreement with a licensed physician that defines the collaboration and includes appropriate psychiatric consultation or referral.

This bill repeals section 147A.09, subdivision 5, which contains the collaborative practice requirements for physician assistants to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment.