Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Physician Assistant Policy Committee

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee was enacted in Senate Bill 154 of the 126th General Assembly in 2006. This act authorized Physician Assistants to be licensed under the State Medical Board of Ohio, and created the PAPC to make recommendations to the board pertaining to the following under Section 4730.06 of the Revised Code:

(1) Requirements for issuing a license to practice as a physician assistant, including the educational requirements that must be met to receive the license;

(2) Existing and proposed rules pertaining to the practice of physician assistants, the supervisory relationship between physician assistants and supervising physicians, and the administration and enforcement of this chapter;

(3) In accordance with section 4730.38 of the Revised Code, physician-delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants;

(4) Application procedures and forms for a license to practice as a physician assistant;

(5) Fees required by this chapter for issuance and renewal of a license to practice as a physician assistant;

(6) Any issue the board asks the committee to consider.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The PAPC is currently staffed by the Policy and Public Affairs staff at the State Medical Board. This duty is currently performed by the Legislative Director, and they are responsible for organizing each meeting, drafting minutes, presenting legislative and department updates to the council, managing appointments, and communicating with members of the committee, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Osteopathic Association, the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants, the Ohio Pharmacist Association, and the State Board of Pharmacy.

Often, the State Medical Board will invite a staff member from different units of the board to give presentations on how their work affects physician assistants.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

This committee does not have an allocated budget, and there are no travel reimbursements as the PAPC is authorized to meet virtually.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The PAPC consists of seven members (eight in certain circumstances):

(1) Three members of the committee are physicians.

(2) Three members are physician assistants.

(3) One consumer member.

(4) One additional member, appointed to serve only when the committee is developing or revising policy and procedures for physician-delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants, that is a pharmacist.

There is no compensation for members.

Additional notes