

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: April 23, 2018

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations:

1. Curriculum Requirements for an Approved Program for Primary Care Physician Assistants
2. Requirements for an Approved Program for the Specialty Training of Physician Assistants.

Sections Affected: 1399.531 and 1399.532 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file. No changes have been made which would warrant a change of the Informative Digest contained in the Notice for Sections 1399.531 and 1399.532.

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact on small business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states because it would repeal resolutions mandating curriculum requirements for an approved program for primary care physician assistants and requirements for an approved program for specialty training of physician assistants.

Anticipated Benefits of this Proposal

The purpose is to eliminate a barrier to educational programs for post-graduate specialty training for physician assistants in California. This could result in additional training programs for physician assistants, which would ultimately benefit consumers due to additional training opportunities for physician assistants.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulatory proposal would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted action, or would be more

cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Set forth below are the reasons for rejecting any proposed alternatives that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small businesses:

1. Not to repeal the regulations: This alternative was rejected because Sections 1399.531 and 1399.532 address requirements for physician assistant training programs approved by the Board. Since the Board wishes to exercise its discretion to cease examining and passing upon the qualification of, and issuing certificates of approval for such programs, these regulations are no longer needed.
2. Amend the regulations to reflect current accreditation standards: This alternative was rejected because the Board does not have the resources to perform full and qualitative reviews and assessments of post-graduate training programs and their curriculums.
3. Repeal the regulations: This alternative was accepted because the Board will no longer be examining and passing upon the qualification of, and issuing certificates of approval for physician assistant training programs. Therefore, these regulations are no longer needed.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses

There were no comments, objections, or recommendations received during the 45-day Notice period, or at the April 23, 2018 public hearing.

Finding of Necessity

There are no reports required by this regulatory proposal.

Incorporation by Reference

There are no documents incorporated by reference.