



**Physician Assistants: Collaboration/Supervision, Ratios, Prescribing**

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<b>Alabama</b>	Yes	Yes – registration approved by the board	No requirement	No requirement	Once a week if PA performs at site away from physician	Determined by facility/practice	120 hours per week cumulative time for all PAs supervised	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Alaska</b>	Yes	Yes – collaborative plan filed with department	No requirement	Monthly telephone, radio, electronic, or direct personal contact. Collaborative plans in effect for less than two years must include at least one direct personal contact visit with the collaborating physician per calendar quarter for at least four hours duration. Twice yearly subsequently.	PA with less than two years of experience must practice on-site with physician for 160 hours if physician is 30 or more miles away	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Arizona</b>	Yes	Yes -- Written agreement kept on file at practice	No requirement	Meet in person once a week; may be by telecommunication	No requirement	No requirement	No more than 4 PAs who work at the same time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Arkansas</b>	Yes	Yes – board approved practice agreement; PA-physician team must appear before the board.	Physician must be able to reach location where PA is seeing patients within 1 hour.	No requirement (subject to board discretion)	No requirement (subject to board discretion)	No requirement (subject to board discretion)	No (However, board will not approve a physician entering into a practice agreement with more than 2 PAs)	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>California</b>	Yes	Yes -- Delegation of services agreement kept on file at practice	No requirement	No requirement	Only for surgical procedures requiring other than local anesthesia	5 percent of the medical records within 30 days; all records within 7 days if patient receives Sched II Rx	No more than 4 PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Colorado</b>	Yes	No; however, physician must register with the board	No requirement	PAs who are not new to a practice setting must have an in-person meeting with physician a minimum of one time every 12 months.	On-site supervision of newly graduated PAs for the first 1000 hours	For the first 6 months of employment and a minimum of 500 patient counters, a physician must review/countersign the chart for every patient seen by the PA within 7 days. Decreased subsequently	No more than 4 PAs at any one time; board approval required for more.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Connecticut</b>	Yes	Yes – delegation agreement on file at practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No more than six full-time PAs concurrently, or the part-time equivalent thereof.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Delaware</b>	Yes	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	If a physician practice has multiple offices, a physician member of that practice shall visit each office at least once per month	No requirement	No more than 4 PAs at any given time	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Yes	Yes – delegation agreement on file at the practice	No requirement	Quarterly review	No requirement	No requirement	Not more than 4 PAs at one time	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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Florida	Yes	No requirement	Invasive procedures or dermatology practices only	No requirement	Invasive procedures or dermatology practices only	No requirement	No more than 4 PAs at any one time.	Yes; non-controlled medication only.
Georgia	Yes	Yes – must be approved by the board	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Review of 50% of prescription drug or device order copies and medical record entries of patient receiving Rx within 30 days	Two PAs; up to 4 in group practices	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication.
Hawaii	Yes	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Record review within 7 working days; if controlled substance prescribed reviewed and initialed within 7 working days	No more than 2 PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication.
Idaho	Yes	Yes -- Delegation of services agreement must be sent to the board and kept on file at the practice. Specialized procedures require board approval.	No requirement	Regularly scheduled conferences required.	On-site visit required at least monthly.	Periodic review of a representative sample of records.	No more than 3 contemporaneously, up to 6 contemporaneously upon petition to board.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Illinois</b>	Yes	Yes -- written agreement required. Must file a notice of employment and supervision with prior to practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Maximum of 5 full-time equivalent PAs; the number of PAs shall be reduced by the number of collaborative agreements with NPs.  PA practicing in a hospital, hospital affiliate, or a licensed ambulatory surgical treatment center not subject to ratio limit.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Indiana</b>	Yes	Yes – must file practice setting description with board	Physician must be within a “reasonable travel distance” from PA	No requirement	No requirement	100% chart review within 72 hours – first year of employment; decreases subsequently	No more than 2 PAs at a time	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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Iowa	Yes	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Every 2 weeks; less frequently in special circumstances,	Review and countersign weekly for PAs with <1 year experience, 100% chart review for first 3 months in remote site	Up to 5 PAs at one time	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication. No Schedule II depressants
Kansas	Yes	Yes; Physician submits form to board outlining plan for PA utilization,	Physician must be able to reach the PA by telecommunication within 30 minutes.	No requirement	PA may work at a different practice location if the PA has spent at least 80 hours under the immediate, physical supervision of physician, physician periodically sees and treats patients at the location.	All records within 14 days for first 90 days of employment	No more than 2 PAs without board's prior approval. (Note: legislation passed in 2014 removing ratio requirement; rules to amend current 2:1 ratio have not yet been adopted)	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Kentucky</b>	Yes	Yes -- Physician applies for approval to supervise PA. Practice description required.	No more than 30 minutes travel time from the PA's location.	No requirement	No requirement	Minimum of 10% of medical notes every thirty 30 days.	A physician may enter into supervision agreements with a maximum of 4 PAs but shall not supervise more than 2 PAs at any one time.	Yes; non-controlled medication only
<b>Louisiana</b>	Yes	Yes – Physician applies for approval to supervise PA	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	All records countersigned within 72 hours.	Physician may be primary supervising physician for up to 2 PAs; however, a physician may not act as supervising physician for more than 4 PAs at any one time.	Yes for PAs with one year of experience. Sch. III-V and all non-controlled
<b>Maine</b>	Yes	Yes – submitted to allopathic board with renewal; osteopathic board requires agreement kept at practice	No requirement	Two meetings per year	No requirement	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication. Allopathic medical board may approve Sch. II for individual PAs

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<b>Maryland</b>	Yes	Yes -- delegation agreement of core duties must be executed by physician and PA and filed with the board. Advanced duties require board approval.	May be required only for certain advanced duties.	No requirement	May be required only for certain advanced duties that are outside the scope of retail clinic practice.	No requirement	No more than 4 PAs at any one time, except in hospital or in correctional facility; detention center; or public health facility.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Yes	Yes – work setting and physician form submitted to board	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Michigan</b>	Yes	No requirement; if prescribing, must have written authorization of prescriptive authority and any limitations on PA practice.	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Up to 4 PAs; no more than 2 PAs in one location if physician practices at more than one location	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication

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<b>Minnesota</b>	Yes	Yes -- delegation agreement kept on file at practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Up to 5 FTE PAs simultaneously.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Mississippi</b>	Yes	Yes -- protocol must be approved by board before PA can practice	PA must practice in primary office or clinic of supervising physician or facility within the same community where supervising physician holds privileges. Board may grant exceptions.	No requirement	Newly licensed PAs require on-site supervision for 120 days.	10% of PA charts monthly.	No more than 2 PAs at any one time. Physician supervising 2 NPs may not supervise a PA.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Missouri</b>	Yes	Yes; PA and supervising physician must maintain a supervision agreement, physician must attest to supervision on board forms.	PA is limited to practicing at locations where the supervising physician is no further than 50 miles by road.	As defined in supervision agreement. Must include annual review.	On-site supervision for 1 month prior to practicing at a site where the physician is not continuously present. Physician must be on-site for four hours every 14 <sup>th</sup> calendar days.	10% of charts every 2 weeks	No more than 3 FTE PAs.	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication (Sch III limited to 5-day supply with no refill).

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<b>Montana</b>	Yes	Yes – supervision agreement submitted to board; delegation agreement on file at practice	No requirement	Monthly face to face meetings	No requirement	10% of the PA charts on at least a monthly basis. For PA with less than one year of full time practice 100% for first 3 months, 25% for next three months	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication
<b>Nebraska</b>	Yes	Yes – written agreement on file at practice	No requirement	No requirement	For PA with less than two years of experience: if less than 3 months of permanent license on-site 20% of time. If greater than 3 months onsite 10%; board may grant waiver	For PA with less than two years of experience review of 20 records per month	No more than 4 PAs at any one time. Board may grant waiver	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Nevada</b>	Yes	Yes -- prior to beginning practice PA supplies board with information on supervising physician.  PA and supervising physician must notify the board within 10 days of entering into or collaborative agreement. (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement	Part of a day once a month at any location where PA provides medical services.	Supervising physician shall spend part of a day at least once a month at location where PA provides medical services  Supervising DO shall provide in person supervision first 30 days (Osteopathic provision)	Review and initial selected charts.  Supervising physician shall review and initial at least 10% of the charts of the patients of the physician assistant at least 4 times each year. (Osteopathic provision)	3 PAs, or a combination of more than 3 PAs and APRNs. Board may grant exemptions	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Yes	Yes – physician notifies board of intent to work with PA	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Review of representative sample of patient records	No more than 4 PAs simultaneously	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication
<b>New Jersey</b>	Yes	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement.	All records 7 days; records with medication orders or prescriptions 48 hrs	No more than 4 PAs. Board may grant exceptions.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication(certain conditions apply).

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<b>New Mexico</b>	Yes	Yes- Must keep a written supervision plan. Medical Board must approve supervising physician  Yes-Written supervision plan must be approved by the Board. (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement  PA must be within 40 miles or 60 minutes driving time of physician and must be able to contact physician by telecommunication. Board may waive requirement. (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement  PA must meet in person with supervising physician at least once a week to discuss patient management. (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement  Weekly (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement  Must sign chart within when Schedule II med prescribed for more than a 72 hour supply within 30 day period for a patient. Supervising physician must review at least 10% of PA's charts monthly. (Osteopathic provision)	No restriction  Physician may only supervise 2 PAs; may apply to board to supervise more than 2 PAs. (Osteopathic provision)	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>New York</b>	Yes	No process	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No more than 4 PAs in private practice.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>North Carolina</b>	Yes	Yes – PA submits intent to practice form	No requirement	Monthly meetings for first 6 months; every 6 months subsequently	No requirement	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication
<b>North Dakota</b>	Yes	Yes – board approves employment contract	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Ohio</b>	Yes	Yes – board approves supervisory plan and supervision agreement  See Ohio Medical Board <a href="#">Position Statement</a> on Retail Clinic Practice	Supervising physician must be in a location that is no more than 60 minutes travel time away from the PA's location.	No requirement  (Quality assurance assessment must occur annually but in person meeting not specified)	No requirement  (On-site supervision during first 500 hours of provisional period of physician-delegated prescribing authority)	No requirement  (physician must sign 100% of charts during first 6 months of the provisional prescribing period; 50% of charts during the remainder of the provisional period)	2 PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication (Schedule II may not be prescribed in retail clinics)
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Yes	Yes -- Application to practice as a PA jointly filed by PA and physician	No requirement	Physician must review healthcare services provided by PA regularly.	Physician must be on site to provide patient care a minimum of ½ day per week.	Regular review of PA practice; may include chart review	2 PAs at any one time	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication
<b>Oregon</b>	Yes	Yes, Board approved practice description	No requirement	No requirement	8 hours per month on-site supervision, or as approved by the board.	Chart review as stated in the practice agreement or	4 PAs unless in supervising physician organization	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Yes	Yes – written agreement approved by the board	No requirement	No requirement	Physician must visit satellite location every 10 days	Selected charts on a regular basis; all charts for PAs with less than 1 year experience, in a new specialty, first 6 months with new physician	No more than 4 PAs at any one time; board may grant waiver	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication (Sch. II limited to 72 hours for initial therapy; 30 days for ongoing therapy).
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Yes	Yes – agreement on file at the practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>South Carolina</b>	Yes	Yes – board approves scope of practice guidelines	Off-site locations may not be more than 60 miles of travel from the supervising physician or alternate without written approval of the board.	No requirement	6 months of experience with physician before practicing in off-site location – 3 months for PAs with 2 years' experience in same specialty. Requirement may be waived by the board for experienced PAs and supervising physicians	10% of charts monthly.	No more than 3 PAs providing clinical service at one time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>South Dakota</b>	Yes	Yes; PA and supervising physician must keep a jointly written and signed practice agreement. Must be filed/approved by the board prior to practice.	No requirement	The supervising physician and PA meet in person at least twice a month.	Physician must be present every 90 days at each PA practice location (does not specify that this has to occur while PA is practicing).	No requirement	Physician may supervise up to 4 FTE PAs.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
<b>Tennessee</b>	Yes	Yes – PA and physician develop protocol kept on file at the practice	On site supervision required only for invasive procedures outside the scope of retail clinic practice	No requirement	On site supervision required only for invasive procedures outside the scope of retail clinic practice	Review 20% of charts notes written by the PA every 30 days; review and sign all charts of patients receiving controlled drug Rx within 10 days	No restriction	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Texas</b>	Yes	Yes; physician and PA must submit to the board notification of intent to practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Physician may enter into a prescriptive authority agreement with 7 APNs/PAs or their FTE.  Supervising physician may supervise up to 5 PAs or their FTEs.* (rules to remove this requirement have been published but not yet adopted)	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication (Schedule III-V limited to 90 day supply; Schedule II may not be prescribed in retail clinics).
<b>Utah</b>	Yes	Yes -- Delegation of services agreement kept on file at practice	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Supervising physician shall co-sign sufficient numbers of charts to ensure that patient health, safety, and welfare will not be compromised; all medical records of patient receiving Schedule II or III controlled drug Rx	No more than 4 FTE PAs; board may grant exceptions	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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Vermont	Yes	Yes – Delegation agreement filed with the board	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	Board decides ratio based on system of care	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.
Virginia	Yes	Yes – board approves practice agreement	.No requirement for procedures performed retail clinics	No requirement	No requirement for procedures performed in retail clinics	The practice agreement shall provide an evaluation process for the PA's performance, including a requirement specifying the time period, proportionate to the acuity of care and practice setting, within which the supervising physician shall review the record of services rendered by the PA.	No more than 6 PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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Washington	Yes	Yes – delegation agreement submitted to board	No requirement	No requirement	Physician spends at least 10% of time at the site. Commission may consider modifications to on-site requirements	<p>No chart co-signature for certified PAs.</p> <p>Non-certified PAs- Every written entry shall be reviewed and countersigned by supervising physician within 2 working days unless a different time period is authorized by commission.</p> <p>The supervising osteopathic physician must review and countersign all PA charts within 7 working days for the first 30 days of practice and 10% of charts thereafter, within 7 working days. (Osteopathic provision)</p>	No more than 3 PAs in remote sites	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>West Virginia</b>	Yes	Yes – board approves practice agreement	No requirement unless specified in practice agreement	Monthly in-person meetings for first 6 months of practice  Periodic, in person, education and review sessions discussing specific conditions, protocols, procedures and specific patients, must occur monthly 6 months of the practice agreement and quarterly thereafter. (Osteopathic provision)	No requirement unless specified in practice agreements	Quarterly review of selected charts	No more than 5 PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule III-V and all non-controlled medication (Sch III limited to 72-hour supply).
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Yes	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No more than 4 on-duty PAs at any one time.	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

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<b>Wyoming</b>	Yes	Yes – board approves supervision plan	Reasonable geographic proximity to the PA's practice location.	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	A physician may be a supervising physician for 3 PAs and a back-up physician for an additional 3 PAs; board may grant waivers	Yes; Schedule II-V and all non-controlled medication.

*The information contained in this summary is condensed and accurate as of September 1, 2014. This document is intended for background purposes only. For a complete and current version of the statutes and regulations, AAPA encourages you to visit the state's legislative and regulatory website. Many states are currently working on improvements to existing PA statutes and regulations. For information on pending improvements please contact AAPA.*