

Department of Health
Rulemaking Hearing Rules
Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants
Division of Health Related Boards

Chapter 0880-3
General Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of a Physician Assistant

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(a) Any physician assistant licensed to practice in this state or any other state who has not been disciplined by any licensure board may have his/her license converted to or receive a Tennessee "Special Volunteer License," as defined in T.C.A. § 63-1-201, which will entitle the licensee to practice without remuneration solely within a "free health clinic," as defined by T.C.A. § 63-1-201, at a specified site or setting by doing the following:

1. Obtaining from the Committee's administrative office a "Special Volunteer License" application, completing it and submitting it along with any required documentation to the Committee's administrative office; and
2. Have the licensing authority of every state in which the physician assistant holds or ever held a license to practice submit directly to the Committee's administrative office the equivalent of a "certificate of fitness" as described in T.C.A. § 63-1-118 which shows that the license has never been subjected to any disciplinary action and is free and clear of all encumbrances; and
3. For physician assistants who have not been licensed in Tennessee, comply with all provisions of subparagraphs (2) (c), (2) (e), and (2) (g) of rule 0880-3-.05 and the Health Care Consumer-Right-To-Know Act compiled at T.C.A. §§ 63-51-101, et seq.; and

4. Submitting the specific location of the site or setting of the free health clinic in which the licensee intends to practice along with proof of the clinic's private, and not-for-profit status.
- (b) A physician assistant holding a Special Volunteer License is not required to pay any fee for its issuance or the required biennial renewal pursuant to the Division of Health Related Board's biennial birthdate renewal system.
 - (c) A physician assistant holding a Special Volunteer License may not do any of the following:
 1. Practice anywhere other than in the free health clinic site or setting specified in the application; and
 2. Charge any fee or receive compensation or remuneration of any kind from any person or third party payor including insurance companies, health plans and state or federal benefit programs for the provision of medical or any other services; and
 3. Practice for any free health clinic that imposes any charge on any individual to whom health care services are rendered or submits charges to any third party payor including insurance companies, health plans and state or federal benefit programs for the provision of any services.
 - (d) Special Volunteer Licenses are subject to all of the following
 1. All rules governing renewal, retirement, reinstatement and reactivation as provided by rules 0880-3-.09 and .11, except those requiring the payment of any fees; and
 2. A requirement to successfully complete twenty (20) hours of Category I continuing medical education annually; and
 3. Disciplinary action for the same causes and pursuant to the same procedures as all other licenses issued by the Committee.
- (2) Practice Pursuant to the "Volunteer Health Care Services Act" T.C.A. §§ 63-6-701, et seq.

- (a) Any physician assistant licensed in this or any other state, territory, district or possession of the United States whose license is not under a disciplinary order of suspension or revocation may practice in this state but only under the auspices of an organization that has complied with the provisions of this rule and T.C.A. §§ 63-6-701 through 707 and rule 1200-10-1-.12 of the Division of Health Related Boards.
 - (b) Any person who may lawfully practice in this or any other state, territory, district or possession of the United States under an exemption from licensure and who is not under a disciplinary order of suspension or revocation and who is not and will not “regularly practice,” as defined by T.C.A. § 63-6-703 (3) may practice in this state but only under the auspices of an organization that has complied with the provisions of this rule and T.C.A. §§ 63-6-701 through 707 and rule 1200-10-1-.12 of the Division of Health Related Boards.
 - (c) A physician assistant or anyone who practices under an exemption from licensure pursuant to this rule may not charge any fee or receive compensation or remuneration of any kind from any person or third party payor including insurance companies, health plans and state or federal benefit programs for the provision of medical or any other services; and may not practice for any organization that imposes any charge on any individual to whom health care services are rendered or submits charges to any third party payor including insurance companies, health plans and state or federal benefit programs for the provision of any services.
 - (d) Any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services on residents of Tennessee may utilize persons described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) to practice only when it has complied with the provisions of T.C.A. §§ 63-6-701 through 707 and rule 1200-10-1-.12 of the Division of Health Related Boards.
- (3) Submission of any document or set of documents required by this rule or submission of verification of the authenticity, validity and accuracy of the content of any document or set of documents required by this rule directly from the FCVS to the Committee Administrative Office shall be deemed to be submission of originals of those documents or sets of documents by the issuing institution(s).
 - (4) Application review and licensure decisions for these types of licensure or organization registration shall be governed by rule 0880-3-.07.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-1-201, 63-6-701 through 707, 63-19-104, and 63-19-105, and 63-19-115.

The rulemaking hearing rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 2nd day of December, 2005, and will become effective on the 15th day of February, 2006.

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1. Obtaining from the Committee's administrative office a "Special Volunteer License" application, completing it and submitting it along with any required documentation to the Committee's administrative office; and
 2. Have the licensing authority of every state in which the orthopedic physician assistant holds or ever held a license to practice submit directly to the Committee's administrative office the equivalent of a "certificate of fitness" as described in T.C.A. § 63-1-118 which shows that the license has never been subjected to any disciplinary action and is free and clear of all encumbrances; and
 3. For orthopedic physician assistants who have not been licensed in Tennessee, comply with all provisions of paragraphs (3), (5), and (7) of rule 0880-10-.05 and the

Health Care Consumer-Right-To-Know Act compiled at T.C.A. §§ 63-51-101, et seq.; and

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