

SENATE BILL No. 1075

March 4, 2004, Introduced by Senator GEORGE and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 17049 and 17549 (MCL 333.17049 and 333.17549), as added by 1990 PA 247.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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2 this section and subject to subsection (5), a physician who
3 supervises a physician's assistant is responsible for all of the
4 following:

- 5 (a) Verification of the physician's assistant's credentials.
- 6 (b) Evaluation of the physician's assistant's performance.
- 7 (c) Monitoring the physician's assistant's practice and
8 provision of medical care services.

9 (2) Subject to section 17048, a physician who supervises a
10 physician's assistant may delegate to the physician's assistant

1 the performance of medical care services for a patient who is
2 under the case management responsibility of the physician, if the
3 delegation is consistent with the physician's assistant's
4 training.

5 (3) A physician who supervises a physician's assistant is
6 responsible for the clinical supervision of each physician's
7 assistant to whom the physician delegates the performance of
8 medical care service under subsection (2).

9 (4) Subject to subsection (5), a physician who supervises a
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11 office or in the health facility or agency or correctional
12 facility in which the physician supervises the physician's
13 assistant a permanent, written record that includes the
14 physician's name and license number and the name and license
15 number of each physician's assistant supervised by the
16 physician.

17 (5) A group of physicians practicing other than as sole
18 practitioners may designate 1 or more physicians in the group to
19 fulfill the requirements of subsections (1) and (4).

20 **(6) This section does not require, and a rule shall not be**
21 **promulgated to require, a physician to countersign orders written**
22 **in a patient's clinical record by a physician's assistant to whom**
23 **he or she has delegated the performance of medical care services**
24 **for a patient.**

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