

New physician assistant collaboration law takes effect July 1

Senate Bill #1093, which delineates changes in the regulation of the practice of physician assistants (PAs), was signed into law by Gov. Little on March 17, 2021, and is due to go into effect on July 1, 2021. In order to maintain an appropriate level of PA oversight, the law outlines requirements for licensure and keeps the pre-existing structure of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee. The major change involves the removal of the individually named supervising and alternate supervising physician, replacing them with a collaborative practice agreement. The new law preserves some of the existing requirements for practice of medicine by PAs in the state of Idaho.

The IMA has worked with the Idaho Academy of Physician Assistants to provide a [SAMPLE TEMPLATE](#) of a collaboration agreement. IMA hopes this resource is helpful as practices create collaboration agreements with physician assistants.

In the latest edition of the [Idaho Board of Medicine's newsletter](#), the BOM provides an overview of the new law, a comparison chart to show the differences between supervision and collaboration and a very helpful FAQ regarding collaborative practice. The IMA urges providers to review these resources to understand the new physician assistant collaboration rules.

Holland and Hart Law has also created a [helpful article](#) about the new rules.

If you have any questions regarding this new collaboration law, please reach out to the Board of Medicine at info@bom.idaho.gov.