

Amend SB 1625 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 157.0512, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (e) and (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(e) A prescriptive authority agreement must, at a minimum:

(1) be in writing and signed and dated by the parties to the agreement;

(2) state the name, address, and all professional license numbers of the parties to the agreement;

(3) state the nature of the practice, practice locations, or practice settings;

(4) identify the types or categories of drugs or devices that may be prescribed or the types or categories of drugs or devices that may not be prescribed;

(5) provide a general plan for addressing consultation and referral;

(6) provide a plan for addressing patient emergencies;

(7) state the general process for communication and the sharing of information between the physician and the advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant to whom the physician has delegated prescriptive authority related to the care and treatment of patients;

(8) if alternate physician supervision is to be utilized, designate one or more alternate physicians who may:

(A) provide appropriate supervision on a temporary basis in accordance with the requirements established by the prescriptive authority agreement and the requirements of this subchapter; and

(B) participate in the prescriptive authority quality assurance and improvement plan meetings required under this section; and

(9) describe a prescriptive authority quality assurance and improvement plan and specify methods for documenting the implementation of the plan that include [~~includes~~] the following:

(A) chart review, with the number of charts to be reviewed determined by the physician and advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant; ~~and~~

(B) if the agreement is between a physician and an advance practice registered nurse, periodic face-to-face meetings between the advanced practice registered nurse ~~[or physician assistant]~~ and the physician at a location determined by the physician and the advanced practice registered nurse; and

(C) if the agreement is between a physician and a physician assistant, periodic meetings between the physician assistant and the physician ~~[or physician assistant]~~.

(f) The periodic face-to-face meetings described by Subsection (e)(9)(B) must:

(1) include:

(A) the sharing of information relating to patient treatment and care, needed changes in patient care plans, and issues relating to referrals; and

(B) discussion of patient care improvement; and

(2) be documented and occur:

(A) except as provided by Paragraph (B):

(i) at least monthly until the third anniversary of the date the agreement is executed; and

(ii) at least quarterly after the third anniversary of the date the agreement is executed, with monthly meetings held between the quarterly meetings by means of a remote electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the Internet; or

(B) if during the seven years preceding the date the agreement is executed the advanced practice registered nurse ~~[or physician assistant]~~ for at least five years was in a practice that included the exercise of prescriptive authority with required physician supervision:

(i) at least monthly until the first anniversary of the date the agreement is executed; and

(ii) at least quarterly after the first anniversary of the date the agreement is executed, with monthly meetings held between the quarterly meetings by means of a remote

electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the Internet.

(f-1) The periodic meetings described by Subsection (e)(9)(C) must:

(1) include:

(A) the sharing of information relating to patient treatment and care, needed changes in patient care plans, and issues relating to referrals; and

(B) discussion of patient care improvement;

(2) be documented; and

(3) take place at least once a month in a manner determined by the physician and the physician assistant.

SECTION _____. Section 157.0512, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a prescriptive authority agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. An agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the agreement was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.