

**NOTICE REGARDING THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
ADVANCED DUTY TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

At its open meeting on July 31, 2019, the Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) voted to revise the draft proposed regulations regarding the delegation of dispensing prescription drugs to a physician assistant (PA). The revisions to the draft proposed regulations will include the removal of the requirement that a PA obtain Board approval for the advanced duty of dispensing prescription drugs before a supervising physician can delegate full dispensing authority to a PA.

In the interim, the Board will no longer require PAs to complete the “Addendum for Physician Assistant (PA) Advanced Duty to Dispense Prescription Drugs” and the associated “Verification of Physician Assistant (PA) Dispensing” log.

If the advanced duty addendum to dispense prescription drugs has previously been approved by the Board, a PA may continue to dispense prescription drugs in accordance with that addendum.

If full dispensing authority has not been previously approved by the Board and a supervising physician wishes to delegate full dispensing authority to include the final check, the supervising physician and the PA must submit a “Modification of Existing Delegation Agreement Adding Dispensing of Prescription Drugs” form to the Board.

The Board has updated the delegation agreement and modification forms. Please use the updated forms.

Please continue to check the Board’s Website for further updates, including the revised draft proposed regulations.