



# MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

## Overview Of Health Care Practitioner Supervision Requirements

# Physicians and Surgeons

## California Licensed Physicians And Surgeons:

1. Allopathic Physicians And Surgeons  
Licensed by: Medical Board of California  
Supervision Requirement: None
2. Osteopathic Physicians And Surgeons  
Licensed By: Osteopathic Medical Board of California  
Supervision Requirement: None

# Medical Assistant

- License Or Registration Requirement: None
- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - 1) Physicians And Surgeons
  - 2) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
  - 3) If At A Community Or Free Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Or Physician Assistant (If Delegated By Supervising Physician)
  - 4) Optometrist May Supervise In An Optometrist Office

Note: Supervisor Must Be Present On Premises

## Licensed Midwife

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physicians And Surgeons With Current Practice Or Training In Obstetrics

Note: Supervising Physician Does Not Need To Be Physically Present; Ratio Not Greater Than 4:1

## Student Midwife

- License Or Registration Requirement: None
- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Licensed Midwife, Physicians And Surgeons With Current Practice Or Training In Obstetrics

Note: Licensed Midwife Must Be Physically Present

## Registered Dispensing Optician

- Supervision Requirement: None

Note: Registered Dispensing Optician is a Business Registration

## Out of State Contact Lens Seller

- Supervision Requirement: None

Note: Out of State Contact Lens Seller is a Business Registration

## Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser

Note: Supervisor Must Be On Premises

## Registered Contact Lens Dispenser

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Registered Contact Lens Dispenser Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Registered Contact Lens Dispenser

Note: Supervisor Must Be On Premises; Ratio Limited To 3:1



## Research Psychoanalyst

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Student Research Psychoanalyst

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Graduate Psychoanalyst (Licensed Physician and Surgeon, Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist, Or Graduate Research Psychoanalyst) With A Minimum Of Five Years Of Postgraduate Clinical Experience In Psychoanalysis

# Registered Polysomnographic Technologists

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Licensed Physicians and Surgeons

Note: Supervising Physicians And Surgeons Must Have Current Specialty Or Subspecialty Certification In Sleep Medicine Or Hold Active Staff Membership At An Accredited Sleep Center Or Lab; Supervisor Must Be Available (In Person Or Via Telephonic Or Electronic Means) At Time Services Are Provided; Ratio Not Greater Than 8:1.

# Registered Polysomnographic Technicians

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physicians And Surgeons As Noted For Polysomnographic Technologist, Supervising Polysomnographic Technologist, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, Respiratory Care Practitioner

## Registered Polysomnographic Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physicians And Surgeons As Noted For Polysomnographic Technologist, Supervising Polysomnographic Technologist, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, Respiratory Care Practitioner

# Physician Assistant Committee

## Physician Assistant

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physician And Surgeons, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Practicing In Medical Group with a Physician and Surgeon

Note: Supervision Implies Liability (PA Acts As An Agent Of The Supervising Physician and Surgeon); Supervisor Must Be Physically Available For Consultation; Ratio Not Greater Than 4:1

# Physician Assistant Committee

## Physician Assistant

The Supervising Physician May Choose One Or More Of The Following Four Mechanisms To Provide Supervision :

- The Physician Sees The Patients The Same Day That They Are Treated By The PA.
- The Physician Reviews, Signs And Dates The Medical Record Of Every Patient Treated By The Physician Assistant Within Thirty Days Of The Treatment.
- The Physician Adopts Written Protocols Which Specifically Guide The Actions Of The Pa. The Physician Must Select, Review, Sign And Date At Least 5% Of The Medical Records Of Patients Treated By The Physician Assistant According To Those Protocols Within 30 Days.
- Or, In Special Circumstances, The Physician Provides Supervision Through Another Mechanism Approved In Advance By The PAC.

# Board of Podiatric Medicine

## **Doctor of Podiatric Medicine**

- Supervision Requirement: None

Note: May Assist In Or Perform Surgical Procedures That Are Otherwise Beyond The Scope Of Practice Of A DPM If Under Direct Supervision Of A Physician And Surgeon

# Board Of Registered Nursing License Type And Advanced Practice Certifications

## **Registered Nurse (RN)**

### Advanced Practice Certifications

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Nurse Anesthetist (NA)
- Nurse-Midwife (NMW) & Nurse-Midwife Furnishing Number (NMF)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP) & Nurse Practitioner Furnishing Number (NPF)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse (PMH)
- Public Health Nurse (PHN)



# Board Of Registered Nursing

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
  - Supervision Requirement Varies Depending On Function Being Performed; If Required, Supervision Provided By Physician And Surgeon, Dentist, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Or Clinical Psychologist.

Note: Written Standardized Procedures Or Protocols May Be Required For Some Functions, Particularly When Performing Overlapping Medical Functions. Physical Presence Of Supervisor May Or May Not Be Required, Dependent Upon Standardized Procedure Specifications.

# Board of Vocational Nursing And Psychiatric Technicians

## Licensed Vocational Nurse

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
  - Supervision Provided By: Physician And Surgeon, Registered Nurse

## Psychiatric Technician

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Facility Director (Physician And Surgeon, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Rehabilitation Therapist, Social Worker, Registered Nurse, Or Other Professional Personnel)

# Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board

## **Speech Language Pathologist**

- Supervision Requirement: None

## **Speech Language Pathologist Assistant**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Speech Language Pathologist Or, If Employed By A Public School, Current Credential Authorizing Service In Language, Speech And Hearing Issued By The Commission On Teacher Credentialing

Note: Review Of Patient Records Required; Ratio Not To Exceed 3:1

# Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board

## Audiologist

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Audiology Aid

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Audiologist

Note: Supervisor Must Be Physically Present During Patient **Contact**

# Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board

## Hearing Aid Dispenser

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Hearing Aid Dispenser Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Hearing Aid Dispenser

Note: Level Of Supervision Dependent Upon Duty Performed (e.g., In Plain Site, On Premises, Reachable By Phone, Etc.); Review Of Each Patient Record Required

# Board Of Optometry

## **Optometrist**

- Supervision Requirement: None

## **Optometric Assistant** (No License/Registration Required)

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Optometrist, Physician and Surgeon (Ophthalmologist)

# Board of Occupational Therapy

## Licensed Occupational Therapist

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Occupational Therapist

Note: Review of Records Required, Ratio 2:1

## Occupational Therapy Aid

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistant

Note: Direct Supervision Required; Delegated Tasks Must Be Documented;  
Ratio 1:1

# Dental Board of California

## Dentist

- Supervision Required: None

## Dental Assistant

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist

## Dental Auxiliary

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist



# Dental Board of California

## **Orthodontic Assistant**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist

## **Dental Sedation Assistant**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Licensed Health Care Provider Authorized To Administer Conscious Sedation Or General Anesthesia In The Dental Office

# Dental Hygienist Committee Of California

## **Registered Dental Hygienist**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist

## **Registered Dental Hygienist In Alternative Practice**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist

## **Registered Dental Hygienist In Extended Function**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Dentist

# Board Of Pharmacy

## Pharmacist

- Supervision Required: None

## Intern Pharmacist

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Pharmacist

Note: Ratio 1:1

# Board Of Pharmacy

## Pharmacy Technician

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Pharmacist

## Pharmacy Technician Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Pharmacist

Note: Ratio 1:1

# Respiratory Care Board Of California

## Respiratory Care Practitioner

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Medical Director (Physician and Surgeon who is a member of a health care facility's active medical staff and is knowledgeable in respiratory care)

# Physical Therapy Board Of California

## **Physical Therapist**

- Supervision Required: None

## **Physical Therapist Assistant**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physical Therapist

## **Physical Therapist License Applicant**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physical Therapist

Note: Supervisor Required To Follow Progress Of Each Patient

# Physical Therapy Board Of California

## Physical Therapy Aid

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physical Therapist

Note: Supervision Must Be Continuous and Immediate; Required To Provide Direct Treatment Of Each Patient And/Or Closely Monitor Progress; Ratio 1:1

## Physical Therapist Students And Interns

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physical Therapist

Note: Supervisor Must Be On Site And Countersign All Treatment Entries In Patient Record On Same Day As Provided

## Board Of Psychology

### **Psychologist**

- Supervision Requirement: None

### **Registered Psychologist**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Psychologist



# Board Of Psychology

## Psychological Assistant

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Psychologist, Physician Certified In Psychiatry By The American Board Of Psychiatry And Neurology

Note: Supervision Agreement Required; Ratio 3:1 For Psychologists; 1:1 For Psychiatrists

## Psychology Intern

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Psychologist; Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker Can Be Delegated Supervisor.

Note: Must Be Employed By Same Agency And Available To Trainee 100% Of Time; Supervision Agreement Required.

# Board Of Behavioral Sciences

## **Marriage And Family Therapist**

- Supervision Requirement: None

## **Marriage And Family Therapist Intern/Trainee**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Psychologist, Physician and Surgeon Certified In Psychiatry By The American Board Of Psychiatry And Neurology.

Note: Ratio 3:1

# Board Of Behavioral Sciences

## **Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

- Supervision Requirement: None

## **Associate Clinical Social Worker**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Psychologist, Physician and Surgeon Certified In Psychiatry By The American Board Of Psychiatry And Neurology.

Note: Ratio 3:1

# Board Of Behavioral Sciences

## Professional Clinical Counselor

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Professional Clinical Counselor Intern

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Professional Clinical Counselor, Marriage And Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Psychologist, Physician Certified In Psychiatry By The American Board Of Psychiatry And Neurology

Note: Ratio 3:1

# Acupuncture Board

## Acupuncturist

- Supervision Requirement: None

## Acupuncturist Trainee

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Acupuncturist

Note: Written Agreement / Supervision Plan, Quarterly Progress Report, and Certificate Of Completion Must Be Filed With The Board; Continuous Direction And Immediate Supervision Required During Patient Services; Ratio 2:1

# Board Of Chiropractic Examiners

## **Chiropractor**

- Supervision Requirement: None

## **Student Chiropractor**

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Chiropractor

Note: Immediate And Direct Supervision Required

# Naturopathic Medicine Committee

## Naturopathic Doctor

- Supervision Requirement: Only If Furnishing and Ordering Drugs
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Physician and Surgeon

Note: When Furnishing And Ordering Drugs, Standardized Procedures And Protocols Identical To Those For Nurse Practitioners Required

## Naturopathic Assistant

- Supervision Requirement: Yes
- Supervision Provided By:
  - Naturopathic Doctor

Note: Supervisor Must Be Physically Present On Site At Time Of Patient Services