

Physician Assistant Committee
Specific Language of Proposed Changes
Sponsored Free Health Care Events

Adopt Article 9, Sponsored Free Health Care Events to Division 13.8 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

Article 9
Sponsored Free Health Care Events – Requirements for Exemption

Section 1399.620 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read:

1399.620. Definitions.

For the purposes of section 901 of the code and this article:

(a) “Community-based organization” means a public or private nonprofit organization that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community, and is engaged in meeting human, educational, environmental, or public safety community needs.

(b) “Out-of-state practitioner” means a person who is not licensed in California to engage in the practice as a physician assistant but who holds a current valid license or certificate in good standing in another state, district, or territory of the United States as a physician assistant.

NOTE: Authority cited: Business and Professions Code Sections 901, 3510. Reference: Business and Professions Code Section 901.

Section 1399.621 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read:

1399.621. Sponsoring Entity Registration and Recordkeeping Requirements.

(a) Registration. A sponsoring entity that wishes to provide, or arrange for the provision of, health care services at a sponsored event under section 901 of the code shall register with the committee not later than 90 calendar days prior to the date on which the sponsored event is scheduled to begin. A sponsoring entity shall register with the committee by submitting to the committee a completed “Registration of Sponsoring Entity under Business & Professions Code Section 901” Form 901-A (DCA/2011), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) Determination of Completeness of Form. The committee may, by resolution, delegate to the Department of Consumer Affairs the authority to receive and process the “Registration of Sponsoring Entity under Business & Professions Code Section 901” Form 901-A (DCA/2011) on behalf of the committee. The

committee or its delegatee shall inform the sponsoring entity in writing within 15 calendar days of receipt of the form that the form is either complete and the sponsoring entity is registered or that the form is deficient and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the form and be registered. The committee or its delegatee shall reject the registration if all of the identified deficiencies have not been corrected at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the sponsored event.

(c) Recordkeeping Requirements. Regardless of where it is located, a sponsoring entity shall maintain at a physical location in California a copy of all records required by section 901 as well as a copy of the authorization for participation issued by the committee to an out-of-state practitioner. The sponsoring entity shall maintain these records for a period of at least five years after the date on which a sponsored event ended. The records may be maintained in either paper or electronic form. The sponsoring entity shall notify the committee at the time of registration as to the form in which it will maintain the records. In addition, the sponsoring entity shall keep a copy of all records required by section 901(g) of the code at the physical location of the sponsored event until that event has ended. These records shall be available for inspection and copying during the operating hours of the sponsored event upon request of any representative of the committee. In addition, the sponsoring entity shall provide copies of any record required to be maintained by section 901 of the Code to any representative of the committee within 15 calendar days of the request.

(d) Notice. A sponsoring entity shall place a notice visible to patients at every station where patients are being seen by a physician assistant. The notice shall be in at least 48-point type in Arial font and shall include the following statement and information:

NOTICE

Physician Assistants providing health care services at this health fair are either licensed and regulated by the Physician Assistant Committee or hold a current valid license from another state and have been authorized to provide health care services in California only at this specified event.

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(e) Requirement for Prior Committee Approval of Out-of-State Practitioner. A sponsoring entity shall not permit an out-of-state practitioner to participate in a sponsored event unless and until the sponsoring entity has received written approval of such practitioner from the committee.

(f) Report. Within 15 calendar days after a sponsored event has concluded, the sponsoring entity shall file a report with the committee summarizing the details of

the sponsored event. This report may be in a form of the sponsoring entity's choosing, but shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The date(s) of the sponsored event;

(2) The location(s) of the sponsored event;

(3) The type(s) and general description of all health care services provided at the sponsored event; and

(4) A list of each out-of-state practitioner granted authorization pursuant to this article who participated in the sponsored event, along with the license number of that practitioner and the state in which that license is held.

NOTE: Authority cited: Business and Professions Code Sections 901, 3510.
Reference: Business and Professions Code Section 901.

Section 1399.622 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read:

Section 1399.622. Out-of-State Practitioner Authorization to Participate in Sponsored Event

(a) Request for Authorization to Participate. An out-of-state practitioner ("applicant") may request authorization from the committee to participate in a sponsored event and provide such health care services at the sponsored event as would be permitted if the applicant were licensed by the committee to provide those services. Authorization must be obtained for each sponsored event in which the applicant seeks to participate. To act pursuant to any authorization, a physician supervising the physician assistant must be licensed in California or hold an authorization to provide health care services at the same health care event by the licensing entity with jurisdiction over the supervising physician.

(1) An applicant shall request authorization by submitting to the committee a completed "Request for Authorization to Practice without a California License at a Registered Free Health Care Event" Form 901-B (PAC/2012), which is hereby incorporated by reference, accompanied by a non-refundable, non-transferrable processing fee of \$25.

(2) The applicant shall also furnish a completed Delegation of Services Agreement signed and dated by the applicant and each supervising physician.

(3) The applicant also shall furnish either a full set of fingerprints or submit a Live Scan inquiry to establish the identity of the applicant and to permit the committee to conduct a criminal history record check. The applicant shall pay any costs for furnishing the fingerprints and conducting the criminal history record check. This

requirement shall apply only to the first application for authorization that is submitted by the applicant.

(b) Response to Request for Authorization to Participate. Within 20 calendar days of receiving a completed request for authorization, the committee shall notify the sponsoring entity or local government entity whether that request is approved or denied.

(c) Denial of Request for Authorization to Participate.

(1) The committee shall deny a request for authorization to participate if:

(A) The submitted form is incomplete and the applicant has not responded within 7 calendar days to the committee's request for additional information; or

(B) The applicant has not graduated from a physician assistant training program approved or recognized by the committee;

(C) The applicant has not passed any examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants required under Section 3517 of the code; or

(D) The applicant has failed to comply with a requirement of this article or has committed any act that would constitute grounds for denial of an application for licensure by the committee; or

(E) The applicant does not possess a current valid active license in good standing. The term "good standing" means the applicant:

(i) Has not been charged with an offense for any act substantially related to the practice for which the applicant is licensed by any public agency;

(ii) Has not entered into any consent agreement or been subject to an administrative decision that contains conditions placed upon the applicant's professional conduct or practice, including any voluntary surrender of license;

(iii) Has not been the subject of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice for which the applicant is licensed that the committee determines constitutes evidence of a pattern or negligence or incompetence.

(F) The committee has been unable to obtain a timely report of the results of the criminal history check.

(2) The committee may deny a request for authorization to participate if:

(A) The request is received less than 20 calendars days before the date on which the sponsored event will begin; or

(B) The applicant has been previously denied a request for authorization by the committee to participate in a sponsored event; or

(C) The applicant has previously had an authorization to participate in a sponsored event terminated by the committee.

(D) The applicant has participated in six or more sponsored events during the 12-month period immediately preceding the current application.

(d) Appeal of Denial. An applicant requesting authorization to participate in a sponsored event may appeal the denial of such request by following the procedures set forth in subdivision (d) of section 1399.623(d).

(e) An out-of-state practitioner who receives authorization to practice as a physician assistant at an event sponsored by a local government entity shall place a notice visible to patients at every station at which that person will be seeing patients. The notice shall be in at least 48-point type in Arial font and shall include the following statement and information:

NOTICE

I hold a current valid license to practice as a physician assistant in a state other than California. I have been authorized by the Physician Assistant Committee to provide health care services in California only at this specific event.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Business and Professions Code Sections 144, 901, 3510.
Reference: Business and Professions Code Section 901

Section 1399.623 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read:

1399.623. Termination of Authorization and Appeal.

(a) Grounds for Termination. The committee may terminate an out-of-state practitioner's authorization to participate in a sponsored event for any of the following reasons:

(1) The out-of-state practitioner has failed to comply with any applicable provision of this article, or any applicable practice requirement or regulation of the committee.

(2) The out-of-state practitioner has committed an act that would constitute grounds for discipline if done by a licensee of the committee.

(3) The committee has received a credible complaint indicating that the out-of-state practitioner is unfit to practice at the sponsored event or has otherwise endangered consumers of the practitioner's services.

(b) Notice of Termination. The committee shall provide both the sponsoring entity or local government entity and the out-of-state practitioner with a written notice of the termination, including the basis for the termination. If the written notice is provided during a sponsored event, the committee may provide the notice to any representative of the sponsored event on the premises of the event.

(c) Consequences of Termination. An out-of-state practitioner shall immediately cease his or her participation in a sponsored event upon receipt of the written notice of termination.

Termination of authority to participate in a sponsored event shall be deemed a disciplinary measure reportable to the national practitioner data banks. In addition, the committee shall provide a copy of the written notice of termination to the licensing authority of each jurisdiction in which the out-of-state practitioner is licensed.

(d) Appeal of Termination. An out-of-state practitioner may appeal the committee's decision to terminate an authorization in the manner provided by section 901(j)(2) of the code. The request for an appeal shall be considered a request for an informal hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act.

(e) Informal Conference Option. In addition to requesting a hearing, the out-of-state practitioner may request an informal conference with the executive officer regarding the reasons for the termination of authorization to participate. The executive officer shall, within 30 days from receipt of the request, hold an informal conference with the out-of-state practitioner. At the conclusion of the informal conference, the executive officer or his/her designee may affirm or dismiss the termination of authorization to participate. The executive officer shall state in writing the reasons for his or her action and mail a copy of his or her findings and decision to the out-of-state practitioner within ten days from the date of the informal conference. The out-of-state practitioner does not waive his or her request for a hearing to contest a termination of authorization by requesting an informal conference. If the termination is dismissed after the informal conference, the request for a hearing shall be deemed to be withdrawn.

NOTE: Authority cited: Business and Professions Code Sections 901, 3510.
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