

POLICY STATEMENT

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The Tennessee Committee on Physician Assistants does not have the statutory authority to issue telemedicine licenses to physician assistants. Current law only permits the issuance of telemedicine licenses to medical doctors and osteopathic physicians.

It is the position of the Committee on Physician Assistants that the practice of telemedicine by a physician assistant requires supervision by a physician who is licensed to practice telemedicine in the state of Tennessee.

Existing regulation requires that physicians who seek to practice telemedicine limit their practice to the specialty area of medicine in which he or she is certified. Accordingly, a physician assistant engaging in the practice of telemedicine must limit his or her telemedicine practice to the specialty area of medicine in which his or her supervising physician is certified.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants on the 9th day of January, 2015.

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