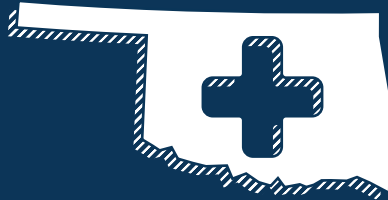


# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE ACT



**Physician Assistants** are an integral and growing part of **Oklahoma's healthcare system**. There have been several changes to the laws governing PAs, allowing them to more easily provide high-quality care across the state. These changes came from the **Physician Assistant Practice Act**, also known as **Senate Bill 753**, and passed with near unanimous approval in both the House and Senate. These changes went into effect **November 2015**.

These changes to the laws governing PAs are great strides forward not only for PAs, but for the entire healthcare industry in Oklahoma. There were numerous changes, but those listed on this brochure are significant ones to take note of.

See the other side of this **Fact Sheet** to learn more about the changes.

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# FACTSHEET

- 1** PAs and new graduates may now practice in a **rural or underserved clinic** without first having a year of post graduate work experience.
- 2** The physician co-signature of orders is now left up to the Bylaws of the practice where a PA is credentialed. A **co-signature** is **no longer required by law**.
- 3** There is **no longer a requirement** for a physician to be physically present in a clinic for a certain number of hours weekly. Supervising physicians will now also be able to oversee **four PAs, as opposed to two**.
- 4** Changes were made to confusing language about chronic or complex new patients. The language **removes** the word chronic and states that the supervising **physician determines** which conditions qualify as “complex” illnesses.
- 5** An exclusionary formulary has been **eliminated**, which will allow for fuller utilization of PAs and **improve access** to medical care in numerous practice areas including rheumatology, ophthalmology, obstetrics, dermatology and more.
- 6** A section restricting what types of services a PA can perform was **removed**. Now, the supervising physician determines what health care services a PA may perform, greatly **increasing the number of services they can offer**.

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