

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
123-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY <i>ADDING</i> A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND <i>AMENDING</i> 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), §121602, 121604, AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	4/18/25 1:58 p.m.	4/25/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 4/25/25 5/2/25	6/18/25 2:00 p.m.	7/10/25 As Amended.	Exhibits A and B
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38GL-25-1063

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

Transmitted via email to speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov

August 18, 2025

HONORABLE FRANK F. BLAS JR., *Speaker*
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Re: Bill No. 56-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 12202(a)(7), (b)(4), (7), AND (8); AMEND §§ 12203(a)(1) AND (2); AND § 12205((b)(1) AND (i)(2) ALL OF ARTICLE 2, PART 1, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY."

Bill No. 123-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 12215(a)(10) AND (11), AND AMEND § 12101(r), § 12202(a)(7), § 12202(b)(7) AND (8), § 12203(a), § 121602, § 121604 AND § 121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Last month, the Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 56-38 (COR) and Bill No. 123-38 (COR), which update the regulatory structure for podiatrists and physician assistants by transferring their licensure, regulation, and oversight from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners and expanding the board from seven to nine members, adding a position for a podiatrist and physician assistant. Both pieces of legislation also adopt rules and regulations and codes of ethics for each profession. Together, these bills ensure that podiatrists and physician assistants are subject to the same professional standards as other medical practitioners.

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To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Bill No. 56-38 (COR) and Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 56-38 (COR) and Bill No. 123-38 into law as **Public Law 38-42** and **Public Law 38-43**, respectively.

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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 56-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-42
Bill No. 123-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-43
cc via email: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 123-38 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO **ADD** A NEW § 12215(a)(10) AND (11), AND **AMEND** § 12101(r), §12202(a)(7), § 12202(b)(7) AND (8), § 12203(a), § 121602, § 121604 AND § 121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS," was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.



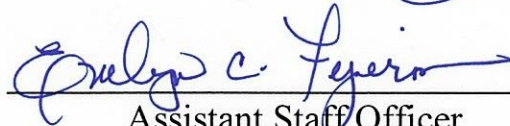
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



V. Anthony Ada
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 6th day of August,
2025, at 7:58 o'clock A.M.



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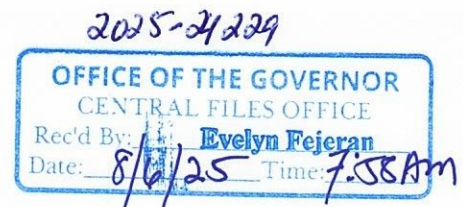
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Date: August 18, 2025

Public Law No. 38-43



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs;
and further amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 12215(a)(10) AND (11), AND
AMEND § 12101(r), §12202(a)(7), § 12202(b)(7) AND (8), §
12203(a), § 121602, § 121604 AND § 121609, ALL OF
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ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,
UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES
AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners was established to regulate and
4 oversee the licensure of a wide range of allied health professionals, including
5 acupuncture and oriental medicine, audiology, chiropractic, clinical psychology,
6 counseling, marriage and family therapy, dietetics and nutrition, occupational
7 therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, respiratory therapy,
8 veterinary medicine, podiatry and physician assistant.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Board of Medical Examiners
10 oversees the licensure and regulation of physicians, including medical doctors
11 (MDs) and doctors of osteopathy (DOs). Its primary responsibility is ensuring the
12 competence and professional conduct of medical practitioners engaged in direct
13 patient care, diagnosis, treatment, surgery, and prescribing authority. The Board's
14 focus is on maintaining the highest medical standards to protect public health and
15 safety

16 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that physician assistants, who play an integral
17 role in delivering medical care, are currently licensed and regulated by the Guam
18 Board of Allied Health Examiners. However, their practice requires supervision by
19 a licensed physician, and their supervision agreements must also be approved by the
20 Guam Board of Medical Examiners. This dual oversight structure does not align with
21 national regulatory best practices, where physician assistants are typically regulated
22 by the same medical board that oversees their supervising physicians.

23 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that transferring the licensing and
24 regulation of physician assistants to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners will
25 create a more effective and streamlined regulatory framework. This transfer will
26 ensure that physician assistants are subject to the same medical standards and

oversight as their supervising physicians, eliminating unnecessary administrative complexities and reinforcing patient safety.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to transfer the licensure, regulation, and oversight of physician assistants from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners. This change will enhance regulatory efficiency, align with national best practices, and strengthen Guam's healthcare system by ensuring physician assistants operate under a board that specializes in medical practice.

Section 2. § 12101(r) of Title 10, Chapter 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

“(r) Physician Assistants means a skilled individual nationally certified by examination, administered by the National Certifying Commission for Physician Assistants, as being qualified by practical and academic training to provide a specific medical service delegated to him or her by a licensed physician or group of physicians who is responsible for the performance of that physician assistant. Licensure requirements, scope of practice, and procedures governing the practice for such individuals are to be promulgated by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.”

Section 3. § 12202(a)(7) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read as follows:

“(7) using the designation Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Physician, Surgeon, Physician and Surgeon, Physician Assistant, Dr., M.D., D.O., P.A., or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease or condition, unless such a designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in the jurisdiction.”

1 **Section 4.** § 12202(b)(7) and (8) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
2 Code Annotated, are hereby *amended* to read:

3 “(7) those fully licensed to practice medicine, or as a physician
4 assistant in another jurisdiction of the United States who briefly render
5 emergency medical treatment or briefly provide critical medical service at the
6 specific lawful direction of a medical institution or Federal agency that
7 assumes full responsibility for that treatment or service and is approved by the
8 state medical board.

9 (8) A licensed physician or physician assistant who resides outside
10 of Guam within a State, Federal jurisdiction or country is not subject to Guam
11 medical licensure requirements where said licensed physician is providing
12 consultation to a Guam licensed physician through the use of telemedicine
13 technology if:

14 (A) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or
15 physician assistant operates no clinical practice or office on Guam;

16 (B) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or
17 physician assistant does not render any final written or otherwise
18 documented final medical opinion concerning the diagnosis or
19 treatment of a patient on Guam directly to the patient; and

20 (C) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or
21 physician assistant does not render any treatment to any patient on
22 Guam.

23 (D) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or
24 physician assistant may render care and provide final diagnostic and
25 treatment decisions without an active Guam license if the consultant is
26 to act as a receiving physician, podiatrist, or physician assistant for the
27 patient in the consultant’s jurisdiction.

1 (E) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or
2 physician assistant may render care and provide diagnostic and
3 treatment recommendations without an active Guam license if the
4 consulting physician or physician assistant acts jointly and directly with
5 the local attending physician or physician assistant of the patient who
6 is the subject of the consultation.

7 (F) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or
8 physician assistant rendering consultation shall abide by all local and
9 federal laws with regard to patient confidentiality.”

10 **Section 5.** § 12203(a) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
11 Annotated, is *amended* to read as follows:

12 “(a) There is established, in and for the government of Guam, a Guam
13 Board of Medical Examiners (Board) composed of nine (9) members who
14 shall be nominated and appointed by *I Maga’låhen Guåhan*, with the advice
15 and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

16 (1) At least six (6) of the nine (9) members shall be physicians,
17 Doctors of osteopathy, or surgeons licensed in Guam, one (1) shall be
18 a physician assistant licensed in Guam and one (1) shall be a podiatrist
19 licensed in Guam. The members of the Board who are licensed
20 healthcare providers shall be persons of recognized professional ability
21 and integrity, and shall have practiced in Guam for at least five (5)
22 consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.

23 (2) All members of the Board shall be citizens or permanent
24 residents of the United States who have resided in Guam for at least
25 five (5) consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.

26 (3) One (1) of the physician board members shall be the
27 Medical Director of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA);

1 who meets the above criteria; otherwise, *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen*
2 *Guåhan* shall nominate and appoint a qualified Physician from the
3 GMHA staff.

4 (4) Provided that the initial members appointed under this
5 Article, appointments shall be made so that three (3) members of the
6 Board, sitting or newly appointed, shall serve for two (2) years, and
7 four (4) members, sitting newly appointed shall serve for a term of four
8 (4) years, until a successor is appointed and qualified.”

9 **Section 6.** §121602 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
10 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

11 **“§ 121602. Qualifications for Licensure**

12 (a) Licensed physician assistants shall be graduates of programs
13 approved by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for
14 Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its successor.

15 (b) Licensed physician assistants must have passed a proficiency
16 examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of
17 Physician Assistants (NCCPA), or its successor and;

18 (c) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.

19 **Section 7.** § 121604 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
20 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

21 **“§ 121604. Registration of Physician Assistant’s Supervision.**

22 (a) ‘Collaborative Practice Agreement’ or ‘CPA’ means an
23 agreement by and between a physician assistant and a Guam licensed
24 physician(supervising physician) detailing the physician assistant’s
25 authorized scope of practice or area of specialty, wherein the parties to such
26 an agreement mutually agree, in writing, to the terms and conditions of the
27 physician assistant’s authority to administer, prescribe, and dispense Schedule

1 Drugs II-V as allowed by the current rules and regulations of the GBME.
2 Alternate physicians shall be identified in the event of the unavailability of
3 the primary physician under the CPA.

4 (b) Prior to practicing on Guam, the licensed physician assistant
5 shall present for approval of the Board of Allied Health Examiners and Board
6 of Medical Examiners a completed application for supervision by a Guam-
7 licensed physician. The practice of the physician assistant must fall within the
8 practice of the supervising physician with whom the physician assistant is
9 registered. In the event of any changes of supervising physician, the names of
10 the supervising physicians must be provided to the above boards. The Board
11 must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of change.
12 Practicing without a supervising physician shall be grounds for disciplinary
13 action, including revocation of license.

14 (c) The supervising physician and physician assistant shall submit a
15 scope of practice; list or class of drugs the physician assistant is authorized to
16 administer, prescribe, and dispense; and the CPA for approval by the Board
17 of Medical Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The physician assistant shall
18 not include any drug on the list that he or she is not competent to prescribe by
19 education, training, and experience, nor shall the physician assistant
20 administer, order, or prescribe drugs that are not routinely administered within
21 the physician assistant's scope of practice. The Board of Medical Examiners
22 is authorized to amend the list of drugs.

23 (d) In the discretion of either the board of Medical Examiners or
24 Board of Pharmacy, the physician assistant and supervising physician may be
25 requested to appear and provide additional information or documentation in
26 aid of the board's evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for prescriptive
27 authority.

1 (e) Modification to any of the terms of the CPA including the identity of
2 the supervising physician shall be immediately reported to the boards for their
3 consideration and subject to both board's approval at the boards' next
4 available board meetings."

5 **Section 8.** § 121609 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
6 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

7 **"§121609. Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants.**

8 (a) A physician assistant may be authorized by the Board of Medical
9 Examiners to administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug or class of
10 drugs as a delegated authority of the physician assistant's Collaborative
11 Practice Agreement (CPA) with a Guam licensed physician.

12 (b) To qualify for prescriptive authority, a physician assistant must
13 have all of the following:

14 (1) a valid Federal Drug Enforcement Administration
15 ("DEA") certification;

16 (2) a current Guam Control Substance Registration (CSR)
17 from Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

18 (3) a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) approved by
19 the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy.

20 (c) The physician assistant's prescriptive authority shall be
21 automatically suspended or revoked for an invalid, suspended, or revoked
22 Guam CSR or federal DEA registration, and may be revoked for any violation
23 of this Act or the Board's rules and regulations.

24 (d) Prescriptive Authority shall be renewed at the time of licensure
25 renewal."

1 **Section 9.** Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to the Licensing of
2 Physician Assistants from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam
3 Board of Medical Examiners.

4 (a) Jurisdiction with respect to the licensure and practice of
5 physician assistants presently located in Article 16 of Chapter 12, Title 10,
6 Guam Code Annotated is transferred from the Guam Board of Allied Health
7 Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners to be placed in Article
8 2 Chapter 12 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to be codified as determined
9 by the Compiler of Laws as authorized by 1GCA § 1606.

10 (b) § 12802(a)(8) of Article 8, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
11 Annotated, is transferred as new § 12202(a)(8) of Article 2, Chapter 12 Title
12 10, Guam Code Annotated and the remaining subsections of § 12802(a)
13 renumbered as determined by the Compiler of Laws as authorized by 1 GCA
14 § 1606.

15 (c) All Guam statutes and administrative rules and regulations not
16 specifically identified or mentioned in this enactment which refer to the
17 jurisdiction and authority of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners over
18 the licensure, practice, and discipline of physician assistants are amended to
19 reflect the transfer of jurisdiction from the Guam Board of Allied Health
20 Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, which shall
21 henceforward perform all functions with respect to licensure, discipline,
22 rulemaking concerning these two professions formerly performed by the
23 Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

24 **Section 10.** A new § 12215(a)(10) and (11) within Article 2 Chapter 12 of
25 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, or to be placed as the Compiler of Laws may
26 determine as provided by 1 GCA § 1606, are *added* to read as follows:

1 “(10) Physician Assistants shall be required to earn fifty (50) credit
2 hours of continuing education, or as may be otherwise established by law or
3 rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners in
4 accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law. At least twenty (20)
5 of these credit hours must be in the licensee’s specific area of practice.

6 (11) The Board is authorized to prorate the continuing education
7 credit hours requirement for licenses issued less than two (2) years prior to the
8 renewal period.”

9 **Section 11. Repeal of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** All
10 references to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners found within any rules
11 and regulations presently located at Title 25 Guam Administrative Rules and
12 Regulations Chapter 10 of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
13 administrative rules governing the licensure, practice, and supervision of physician
14 assistants, are repealed.

15 **Section 12. Approval of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The
16 Guam Board of Medical Examiners Administrative Rules and Regulations
17 governing the licensure and practice of physician assistants, attached hereto as
18 Exhibit A, are approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or add these rules pursuant to
19 the Administrative Adjudication Law.

20 **Section 13. Codes of Professional Conduct and Ethics.** The Guam
21 Board of Medical Examiners Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Physician
22 Assistants, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or
23 add to these rules pursuant to 5 GCA Chapter 9 Administrative Adjudication Law
24 (AAL).

25 **Section 14. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
26 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
27 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
2 severable.

3 **Section 15. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
4 upon its enactment.

EXHIBIT A

Guam Board of Medical Examiners

RULES AND REGULATIONS

for

Physician Assistants

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§ _____ RULES APPLICABLE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

§ _____. Definitions – Physician Assistant

(a) *Physician Assistant* means a Board licensed person, qualified by academic and practical training, who provides patient services under the direct supervision of a licensed physician. A physician assistant is not an independent practitioner. A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her

skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) *Board* means the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

(c) *Direct Supervision of a Physician Assistant* means providing guidance of the services performed by the physician assistant. Supervision shall be continuous but shall not necessarily require the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where the services are performed. The supervising physician must be available continuously for contact personally or by telephone or other electronic means.

(d) *Licensed Physician* means a physician currently licensed to practice medicine in Guam.

(e) *Supervising Physician* means a licensed physician who is registered by the Board to supervise a specific physician assistant.

§ _____. Requirements for Licensure.

(a) Licensed physician assistants shall be graduates of a program accredited by the Accredited Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its successor organization;

(b) Have passed a proficiency examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or its successor; and

(c) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.

§ _____. RENEWAL OF LICENSE – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

(a) Licenses expire biennially on December 31st of even numbered years and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee and proof of completion of continuing education requirements as stated in these rules and regulations. The Board staff shall, no later than September 1st of each even-numbered year, mail a notice of renewal along with a renewal form to the licensee's latest address on file with the Board. Failure of the Board staff to send renewal notices and forms does not excuse the licensee from failing to file the forms, documentation, and fees required to renew their license. A new certificate or other evidence of current licensure may be mailed to all persons completing renewal requirements as stated herein.

(b) An individual licensed on or after October 1 of the renewal year is not required to renew or provide proof of continuing education until the following renewal term.

(c) In addition to payment of required fees and proof of continuing education, additional documentation is required of the following allied health professionals:

(1) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, present evidence of current certification by the National Commission on

Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor. Failure to maintain current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor shall result in the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant's license.

- (2) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, provide proof or otherwise certify that they possess a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") or Basic Life Support ("BLS"). Failure to maintain current CPR or BLS certification shall result in the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant license.

§ _____. Registration of Physician Assistants Supervision.

(a) Prior to practicing on Guam, a licensed physician assistant shall present for approval of the Board a completed application as designated by the Board. The supervising physician shall specify the specialty areas in which the physician assistant shall provide services. Proposed changes of supervision registration must be approved by the Board. Not more than two currently licensed physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician.

(b) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Identification.

(a) While working, the physician assistant shall wear or display appropriate identification, clearly indicating that he or she is a physician assistant. The physician assistant's license must be displayed in the office and any satellite operation in which he may function. A physician assistant may not advertise himself/herself in a manner that would mislead the patients of the supervising physician or the public.

(b) Any person not approved as required by these rules and regulations who holds himself or herself out as a physician assistant, or uses any other term to indicate or imply that he or she is a physician assistant, or acts as a physician assistant without having obtained the approval of the Board, is subject to penalties applicable to the unlicensed practice of medicine.

(c) The Board shall administer the provisions of this Act and enforce them with the aid of the Attorney General's Office.

§ _____. Scope of Practice.

(a) A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the direct supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) Physician assistants with privileges or employed by a hospital or skilled nursing facility may, if permissible under the by-laws and rules and regulations of such facility, write medical orders, including medications, tests, and treatments, for inpatients under the care of the supervising physician. In every case, such medical orders must be countersigned by the supervising physician or confirmed by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours.

(c) Licensed physician assistants shall not perform work in a medical specialty area in which they have not been trained or in which their supervising physician is not qualified.

(d) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Supervision Required.

(a) Tasks performed by the physician assistant must be under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, registered by this Board to be the supervising physician.

(b) The Board shall keep a current register of licensed physician assistants and their supervising physicians; this register shall be available for public inspection.

(c) The supervising physician (or group of physicians) must provide written guidelines readily available at each site at which the physician assistant is practicing covering medical conditions commonly encountered and diagnostic and treatment protocols.

(d) All medical records must be reviewed and co-signed by the approved supervising physician within seven days.

(e) In the event of any changes of supervising physician, the names of the supervising physicians must be provided to the above boards. The Board must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of change. Practicing without a supervising physician shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including revocation of license.

§ _____. Prescriptive Authority.

A physician assistant may administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug other than Scheduled II-III drugs as provided by law.

EXHIBIT B

CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS

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§ _____. CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS

(a) **DOCTORS OF MEDICINE; DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY.**
[RESERVED]

(b) **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.** The Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants licensed by the Board shall be the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Code of Conduct for Certified and Certifying Physician Assistants (PAs) and PAs with the PA-C Emeritus Designation (last revised November 2019), to include the NCCPA Policies and Procedures for PA Disciplinary Matters (last revised August 2019) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto; and the Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession (2013) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto. These Rules shall be known as the Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants and by reference thereto shall have the full force and effect of a regulation of the Board. In the event of a conflict between the Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants and any statute enacted by the Guam Legislature or any rule promulgated by this Board the more recent in time statute or rule shall control.