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To: HB 495 Task Force

From: Sam Hunthausen, Executive Officer, Board of Medical Examiners

Re: Physician Assistant Scope of Practice

The scope of practice of a physician assistant is dictated by the duties and delegation agreement entered into by the physician assistant and the supervising physician with whom they have a supervision agreement. The duties delegated to the physician assistant are determined by the supervising physician based on the physician assistant's education, training, and experience. Allegations that a physician assistant has practiced outside her or his scope are resolved on a case by case basis requiring expert testimony to establish that the physician assistant has in fact practiced outside their scope.

Please refer to Mont. Code Ann. §§ [37-20-101](#), [103](#), [301](#), [401](#), and [403-404](#) and Admin. R. Mont. [24.156.1622](#) for additional information related to the qualifications and scope of practice of physician assistants in Montana.