

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1915
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Impact:	None Anticipated

Research Analysis

SB 1915 modifies the Physician Assistant Act. The measure

- allows physician assistants to practice under the delegation of, rather than under the supervision of, a physician under a practice agreement,
- defines *practice agreement* as agreement between a physician and a physician assistant to determine the physician assistant's scope of practice. The practice agreement must include methods of supervision for diagnosis and treatment,
- allows physician assistants to have multiple practice agreements with multiple physicians,
- requires all practice agreements to be filed with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,
- requires the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to publish a report compiling data on practice agreements between physicians and physician assistants,
- removes the requirement that a physician be present at the practice site in order to review outpatient medical records,
- prohibits physician assistants from referring to themselves as a "Doctor" according to 59 O.S. 725.1 et al.,
- states that physician assistants are to be considered primary care providers,
- allows for physician assistants to bill for services, if the services would have been covered if provided by a physician,
- directs in-network physician assistants to be the rendering professional for billing purposes,
- prohibits insurers from imposing requirements that are more restrictive than state physician assistant regulations,
- allows physician assistants to provide care in emergency settings and be immune from civil liability, and
- prohibits physician assistants from providing care independently of physician supervision or a practice agreement.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure relates to physician assistants, with modifications in the scope of practice. Included is provision for the types of license fees the Board of Medical Licensure is to establish, however the agency is non-appropriated and no impact is anticipated to revenue utilized in the appropriations process.

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Other Considerations

None.

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