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Message from the Board President

Dear colleagues,

California is home to over 18,000 licensed physician assistants (PAs), the second-largest population in the nation. The Physician Assistant Board (PAB), in collaboration with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), works tirelessly to fulfill its mission of protecting the public through licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.

In 2024, PAB had an exciting and productive year. We approved the regulatory package for Senate Bill (SB) 697, which took effect on October 1, 2024. This regulatory package will help ensure the full and effective implementation of SB 697. Additionally, the Board adopted the draft 2025 Sunset Review Report, which was subsequently submitted to the Legislature. On March 24, 2025, PAB participated in its sunset hearing before the Legislature and other stakeholders to review the Board's performance and demonstrate how we are fulfilling our public protection mandate. Furthermore, the Board continues to license PAs efficiently and promptly, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of its staff. Timely access to qualified licensees is critical to addressing the health care needs of Californians.

As the Board president, I would like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself. In August 2021, I was appointed to the Board by Governor Gavin Newsom. In 2024, I served as the Board vice president and was subsequently elected Board president, with my term beginning on January 1, 2025. It remains an honor and privilege to serve alongside such talented, dedicated, and gifted Board members and staff.

As I take on this new role, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing Board President Sonya Earley, and Board member Charles Alexander for their leadership, commitment, and invaluable service to the Board during their tenure. Lastly, to our licensees, thank you for all you do to serve your patients and communities.

Best Regards,

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— MISSION —

Protect and serve consumers through licensing, education, and objective enforcement of the physician assistant laws and regulations.

— VISION —

Assure that health care needs for all people are met in a compassionate, competent, and culturally sensitive manner.

— JURISDICTION —

The Physician Assistant Board's jurisdiction includes physician assistants.

The Board's jurisdiction does not include physicians (M.D.s), licensed midwives, polysomnographic trainees, technicians and technologists, and research psychoanalysts and student research psychoanalysts, chiropractors, dentists, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, insurance companies, malpractice actions/civil lawsuits, Medi-Cal, Medicare, nurses (R.N., N.P., FNP), optometrists, or osteopathic physicians (DOs).

The Board also has no authority over a medical provider's attitude, bedside manner, demeanor, office staff, prices charged, or refund disputes with a medical provider unless there is a double payment by the insurance company. The Board cannot assist consumers in obtaining medical care or financial compensation for medical malpractice.

Farewell to Sonya Earley, Ed.D., PA-C, and Charles J. Alexander, Ph.D.



Sonya Earley, Ed.D., PA-C has served on the Board since 2013 as a member, president, vice president, and a member of the Legislative Committee. Member Earley has been a certified diabetes care and education specialist since 2003 and has worked at Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group since 2007, clinical associate professor

of medicine at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, since 2004, and assistant professor at Southern California University of Health Science Physician Assistant Program since 2016. She was a pediatric physician assistant for Los Angeles County and University of Southern California Medical Center, Women's and Children's Hospital, and served as faculty from 1996 to 2004. She earned a Master of Arts degree in biology from California State University, Dominguez Hills, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, and received her doctorate from the University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education in the Global Executive Doctoral Program. We wish member Earley all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her commitment and service on the Board.



Charles J. Alexander, Ph.D. has served on the Board since 2013 as a member, vice president, and a member of the Education/Workforce Development Committee. Member Alexander has been associate vice provost for student diversity and director of the Academic Advancement Program at the University of California, Los Angeles, since 2006. He was associate

dean for student affairs and admissions at the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry from 1996 to 2006 and director of multicultural concerns and assistant to the dean of the Marquette University School of Dentistry from 1990 to 1996. Alexander was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Brandeis University from 1989 to 1990 and director of multicultural affairs at Milwaukee Area Technical College from 1988 to 1989. He is a member of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, National Association of Medical Minority Educators, American Dental Education Association, and Western Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. Alexander earned a Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Nebraska and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the sociological foundations of education from Marquette University. We wish member Alexander all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his commitment and service on the Board.

Name and Address Changes

The Board needs accurate name and address information on file to contact licensees or applicants. Instructions for submitting name and address changes are available on the [PAB website](#).

Licensees are required by law to notify PAB within 30 days if they change their name or address of record. The Enforcement Division cites and fines physician assistants who fail to comply with this requirement.

Submit the [Change of Address form](#) to the Board by mail, fax, or email. Addresses are updated instantaneously when completed using your [BreEze account](#).

Become a Board Member

Board members collectively provide oversight and direction. Board members make important decisions on agency policies and on disciplinary actions against professionals who violate state consumer protection laws. Board members approve regulations and help guide licensing, enforcement, public education, and consumer protection activities. Some Board members are licensed professionals themselves, while many others are public members. The governor appoints many board members, but the Legislature makes appointments as well. For more information and how to apply, view our informational bulletin at https://pab.ca.gov/forms_pubs/board_member.pdf.

Board Member Recognition

The Board and staff express their deepest gratitude to the members for their wisdom, leadership, excellence, dedication, invaluable contributions, and exemplary service during their terms of service.



Charles J. Alexander, Ph.D., and Sonya Earley, Ed.D., PA-C.



From left: Board Member Charles J. Alexander, Complaint Analyst Linda Serrano, Enforcement Analyst Christina Lefort, Board Member Debbie Snow, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Jasmine Dhillon, Probation Monitor Virginia Gerard, former President Sonya Earley, Administrative Analyst Pearl Her, Regulations Counsel Kristy Schieldge, Executive Officer Rozana Khan, Enforcement and Licensing Support Blia Herr, Assistant Executive Officer Kristy Voong, Licensing Analyst Jennifer Jimenez, Special Investigator Armando Melendez, President Vasco Deon Kidd, and Vice President Juan Armenta.

Join the Board Subscriber List

Please join the Board's **email subscriber list**, to receive notices of changes in laws and regulations, enforcement actions taken against licensees, and information related to the Physician Assistant Practice Act.



Licensees are encouraged to provide PAB with an email address if the licensee has one. Email is an efficient channel for sharing information between PAB and its applicants and licensees. PAB will be able to communicate the status of applications, renewals, and requests for various PAB services; provide law and regulation updates; and disseminate important PAB news directly to each applicant and licensee. It doesn't get much easier! PAB hopes this accelerated delivery and exchange of information will decrease processing times in all aspects of PAB programs, and facilitate licensees keeping apprised of laws, regulations, and PAB activities. You can submit/update your email address using your BreEZe account, submit it in writing, or simply by emailing PAB at paboard@dca.ca.gov — please include your name and license number.

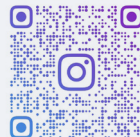
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Board Member Update



Ex Officio/Medical Board of California Physician Board Member Appointment

Veling Tsai, M.D., was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the Board on July 25, 2024. Member Tsai has been an attending physician at Caring ENT since 2016. He

also served as a clinical assistant professor of head and neck surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine since 2008. Additionally, since 2012, he has been an attending surgeon at the University of California, Los Angeles, Olive View Medical Center. Member Tsai is a member of both the State Bar of California and the American College of Legal Medicine. He holds a Doctor of Medicine degree and a Juris Doctor degree from Southern Illinois University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Congratulations to member Tsai on his appointment!



Physician Assistant Board Member Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Philip DaVisio, PA-C to the Board. Member DaVisio has been a supervisory physician assistant and hospital lead physician assistant at Kaiser Permanente

since 2016, and assistant professor at A.T. Still University, College for Health Communities since 2021. He was an emergency medicine physician assistant at Dameron Hospital Emergency Department for Valley Emergency Physicians and Envision from 2004 to 2022. Member DaVisio was a regional physician assistant director at Valley Emergency Physicians from 2011 to 2014. Member DaVisio is a member of the Academy of Doctoral PAs, Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants, California Academy of Physician Assistants, and the American Academy of Physician Associates. He earned a Doctor of Medical Science degree in health care administration and management from the University of Lynchburg, a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from A.T. Still University and a Bachelor of Science in physician assistant Studies from Kettering College of Medical Arts.

Congratulations to member DaVisio on his appointment!



Physician Assistant Board Member Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Bhavana Prakash, PA-C. Member Prakash has been a physician assistant and program manager for the Adult Congenital Heart Program at Stanford Children's Health since 2024 and a supervising

physician assistant at The Permanente Medical Group since 2015. She is a member of the American Congenital Heart Association. Prakash earned a Doctor of Medical Science degree from A.T. Still University, a Master of Medical Science degree from Saint Francis University, and a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Stanford University.

Congratulations to member Prakash on her appointment!



Physician Assistant Board Member Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Eric Bergersen, PA-C. Member Bergersen has been the Regional Medical Director at Bicycle Health Medical Group since 2020. He was the APC Director at VEP Healthcare from 2018 to

2020. Bergersen was an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant at VEP Healthcare from 2017 to 2019. He was a Clinical Consultant at GYANT from 2018 to 2019. Bergersen was the Lead Emergency Department Technician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center from 2012 to 2015. He is a member of Physician Assistants in Virtual Medicine and Telemedicine. Bergersen earned a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration from Oklahoma State University, a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from George Washington University, and Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Neuroscience from Northeastern University.

Congratulations to member Bergersen on his appointment!



Public Board Member Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ed Perez. Member Perez was a manager at Labor Relations and Performance Management, California Department of Water Resources, from 2019 to 2024. He was a labor relations specialist, Department of Water

Resources, from 2015 to 2019. Perez was a labor relations specialist and labor relations analyst at the California

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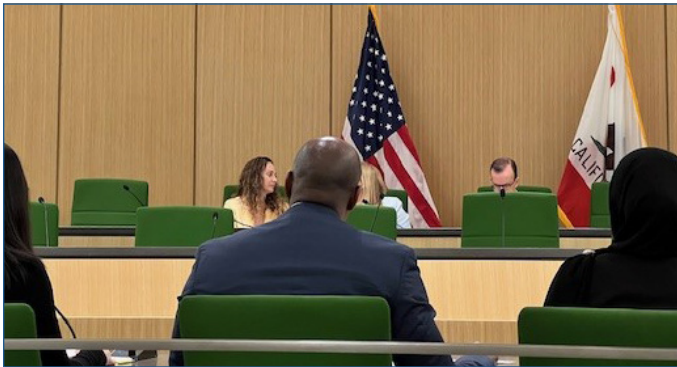
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Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2013 to 2015. He is a member of the Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), the Hamptons Community Foundation, the Hamptons Owners Association, the Gardenland-Northgate Neighborhood Association, and a community activist with AARP.

Congratulations to member Perez on his appointment!

Sunset Review Oversight Hearing

On March 24, 2025, the Board had the honor of participating in its sunset review oversight hearing before the joint legislative committees and stakeholders to review the Board's performance and demonstrate how we are fulfilling our public protection mandate. Board President Vasco Deon Kidd, Executive Officer Rozana Khan, and Assistant Executive Officer Kristy Voong attended the hearing and testified on behalf of the Board fulfilling the Board's commitment to the sunset review oversight process.



From left, Assistant Executive Officer Kristy Voong, Board President Vasco Deon Kidd, and Executive Officer Rozana Khan.



From left, Executive Officer Rozana Khan, Vice President Vasco Deon Kidd, Assistant Executive Officer Kristy Voong, and Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Jasmine Dhillon.



Meet Kristy Voong, Assistant Executive Officer

1. How long have you worked for PAB? Five years.

2. What was your first job title at PAB? Probation monitor.

3. What is your favorite color? Blue.

4. What is your favorite food? I enjoy all types of food, but I look forward to a prime rib dinner on special occasions.

5. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An artist: I was good at drawing and painting.

6. What are your hobbies or what do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy spending time with my family and dog, anything with nature and the outdoors, and weekend road trips.

7. What is the furthest place you have ever traveled to? To the United States, actually. I am a first-generation immigrant from Vietnam. Our family left Vietnam in the late seventies during the China-Vietnam conflicts. We stayed in Hong Kong briefly before arriving to the United States in 1980.

8. What is the most exciting place you have ever traveled to and why? I enjoy beaches so I would say the islands of Hawaii. I love being able to quickly get away to a warm destination with endless beaches.

9. What does the assistant executive officer (AEO) do for PAB? The AEO position is a new position to the Board due to its continuous growth. The AEO provides general management-level support to all Board activities so the executive officer can focus on the higher-level matters that affect the Board. As the AEO, I manage the Board's administrative, licensing, and enforcement programs.

10. What is your favorite thing about working for PAB? That our individual efforts are recognized in advancing the Board's mission and public protection. Everyone here is passionate about what they do, and it shows. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such an amazing, positive group of people.

Questions and Answers About Investigations

Why is my complaint being referred for investigation?

It is being referred for investigation because the Board believes there may be evidence to show that a violation of the law has occurred. If substantiated, the violation may warrant some kind of disciplinary measure.

What kinds of complaints warrant a formal investigation?

In general, any complaint that would warrant disciplinary action if substantiated (e.g., sexual misconduct, gross negligence and/or incompetence, etc.) is referred for investigation. Other kinds of complaints may also require a formal investigation. These include physician assistant impairment, unprofessional conduct, and unlicensed practice issues.

What happens when a field office receives my complaint?

The office refers the complaint to the DCA Division of Investigation field office closest to where the incident occurred. The supervising investigator reviews the case and assigns it to an investigator. The investigator determines the steps required to investigate the complaint.

Investigators give complaints alleging negligence that involve patient death or serious bodily injury the highest priority. Other high-priority complaints include those alleging physician assistant impairment or sexual misconduct, or that otherwise present immediate concern about patient harm such as injury or death. Investigators are peace officers and have the authority to pursue criminal and administrative violations of the law.

When will I be contacted?

The Board considers all complaints important. Many complaints, however, present an immediate threat to public safety and must be given priority. The investigation of your complaint will be conducted in as timely a manner as possible. You will be contacted once the complaint is assigned to an investigator and the investigative process has begun. Notify the Board in writing if your address or phone number changes after you file your complaint.

How is the investigation conducted?

Investigative steps may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Obtaining medical records or other information/evidence.
- Locating and interviewing the complainant, any witnesses, and the physician assistant.
- Obtaining expert review of the case.
- Drafting and serving investigational subpoenas.
- Inspecting the location where the allegations occurred.
- Executing search warrants.
- Conducting undercover operations.

In general, after an investigator interviews the complainant and collects information, the investigator—as well as a supervisor or medical consultant, in some cases—will interview the physician assistant to discuss the details of the complaint and ask questions.

A medical expert then reviews quality of care issues. The standard of proof for administrative cases is “clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty,” a much higher standard than for civil litigation cases. This can be very challenging when pursuing a complaint because administrative charges must be proven before an administrative law judge for higher and more difficult standards.

If the investigation does not support a violation of the law, the complaint is closed. Also, if the evidence obtained shows a violation occurred, but the violation is insufficient to support administrative action, the case is closed and maintained on file for future reference. The investigator will notify the complainant and the physician assistant by phone or in writing of the disposition of the complaint.

If the investigation reveals sufficient evidence of violations of the Physician Assistant Practice Act or other laws that warrant discipline against the license, the case is referred to the Office of the Attorney General (AG), Health Quality Enforcement section, for administrative action.

What happens at the completion of the investigation?

When an investigation is complete, the supervising investigator reviews the and recommends action to the Board. The Board reviews the investigation and determines whether sufficient evidence exists to support sending the

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case to the AG’s office for disciplinary action. If the matter warrants disciplinary action, the matter is referred to the AG’s office. If a violation is not substantiated, the case will be closed, and the complainant will be notified.

The AG’s office determines if an accusation or petition to compel competency, psychological, or physical examination should be filed. The AG’s office reviews the investigation information and determines what charges may be filed based on a review of the evidence obtained. Every case is unique, and the Board and the AG’s office will determine the most reasonable and appropriate action to ensure public protection on a case-by-case basis. This process can be complicated and lengthy. If the AG’s office rejects the case, it will be closed, and the complainant will be notified. Complainants may direct questions to the assigned investigator.

Is the investigation confidential?

Details of the complaint and investigation remain confidential and are not public record; however, the complaint must be discussed with the physician assistant.

Do I have protection from civil litigation?

Patients at times express concern about the potential for a lawsuit resulting from the initiation and/or participation

in an investigation. Civil Code Section 47 provides some protections against a lawsuit. A copy of this section of law can be obtained from your local library or online at [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](https://leginfo.ca.gov). Complainants may discuss concerns with the assigned investigator.

Where are the field offices?

Location	Phone Number
Cerritos	(562) 402-4668
Concord	(925) 822-0186
Fresno	(559) 447-3050
Glendale	(818) 551-2117
Rancho Cucamonga	(909) 476-7146
Sacramento	(916) 263-2585
San Bernardino	(909) 383-4755
San Diego	(858) 467-6830
San Dimas	(909) 421-5800
San Jose	(408) 437-3680
Tustin	(714) 247-2126
Valencia	(661) 295-3397

CAPACon 2024

Our Board had the pleasure of attending the annual conference hosted by the California Academy of PAs (CAPA) during National Physician Assistant Week in Burbank. CAPACon is a conference for general medicine and specialty PAs that encompasses clinical lectures and hands-on workshops for continuing medical education (CME) credits. Our staff was available to answer any questions licensees and students had and to hand out updated laws and regulations booklets. We greatly appreciate the opportunity provided to us by CAPA to attend this exceptional event.



Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Jasmine Dhillon, Assistant Executive Officer Kristy Voong, and Special Investigator Armando Melendez.

New Continuing Education Requirement as of January 1, 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, Senate Bill (SB) 639 states that physician assistants who provide primary care to a patient population, of which over 25% are 65 years of age or older, must complete at least 20% of all mandatory continuing education hours in a course in the field of geriatric medicine, the special care needs of patients with dementia, or the care of older patients.

Compliance with these new requirements will be verified as part of the P.A. license renewal process.

Monitor the Board's website and **Continuing Medical Education** page for more information.



Self-Reporting Requirements

Report of Settlement, Judgment, or Arbitration Award

Business and Professions Code section 801.01 requires the reporting of settlements over \$30,000 or arbitration awards or civil judgments of any amounts. The report must be filed within 30 days by either the insurer providing professional liability insurance to the licensee, the state or governmental agency that self-insures the licensee, the employer of the licensee if the award is against or paid for by the licensee, or the licensee if not covered by professional liability insurance.

Reporting Criminal Actions, Convictions and Disciplinary Actions

Business and Professions Code section 802.1 requires a physician assistant to report criminal charges as follows: the bringing of an indictment charging a felony and/or any conviction of any felony or misdemeanor, including a verdict of guilty or plea of no contest. These incidents appear to be reported as required. In addition, the Board receives reports of arrest and convictions independently reported by the Department of Justice through subsequent arrest notifications. The Board issues citations to licensees who fail to report their criminal conviction as required by this statute.



2025 Sunset Report

In January 2025, PAB submitted its 2025 Sunset Report to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions. The report is available on the PAB website at https://pab.ca.gov/about_us/sunset.shtml.



Licensing Activity

The Board processes applications in the order they are received. **Please allow the Board 30 days to complete an initial review of the application before contacting the Board for an update.** To view current processing times for applications submitted to the Board, please visit <https://pab.ca.gov/applicants/timeframes.shtml>. Here is a summary of initial license applications and renewal of license applications approved from **June 1 through December 31, 2024.**

INITIAL LICENSES APPROVED	LICENSE RENEWALS APPROVED
1,077	4,769

As a friendly reminder, please do not wait till the time of renewal to update your address of record (mailing address). Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1399.511, licensees are required to report in writing to the Board, any and all changes of their mailing address within 30 days from the date the change occurred. Failure to update the mailing address may result in the licensing system to mail correspondence to an inaccurate mailing address and cause a delay in renewal.

Approved Rulemaking

SB 697 Implementation—CCR sections 1399.502, 1399.540, 1399.541, and 1399.545

Effective October 1, 2024, the Board approved a proposed rulemaking to clarify and interpret changes made to the Physician Assistant Practice Act by Senate Bill (SB) 697 (Caballero, Chapter 707, Statutes of 2019). These amendments concern the practice agreement between a physician assistant and a physician and surgeon or a group of physicians and surgeons. These amendments note a practice agreement that include policies and procedures to ensure adequate supervision of the physician assistant, as well as appropriate communication, availability, consultations, and referrals between a physician and surgeon and the physician assistant in the provision of medical services.

Information about this rulemaking, including the full text of each regulation, can be found under [Approved Regulations](#) on the Board's website, www.pab.ca.gov.

Legislation Impacting the Physician Assistant Board

These bills have been chaptered and became effective on January 1, 2025, unless stated otherwise. Detailed bill information may be found by selecting the links in the "Bill" column below.

Bill	Author, Chapter, Statute Year	Statutory Reference	Summary
AB 1991 Licensee and registrant renewal: National Provider Identifier	Bonta, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code section 850.2	Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts professions and vocations by boards established within DCA and establishes the standards for licensure or certification of health professionals. Existing law makes certain violations of specified provisions relating to healing arts by a licensee or registrant a crime. This bill requires a healing arts board, as defined, to require a licensee or registrant who electronically renews their license or registration to provide to that board the licensee's or registrant's individual National Provider Identifier, if they have one. The bill provides that a violation of the bill's requirements is not a crime.
AB 2270 Healing arts: continuing education: menopausal mental or physical health	Maienschein, Chapter 636, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code section 3524.5	The Physician Assistant Practice Act establishes the Board and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of physician assistants. This bill requires the Board, in determining its continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in menopausal mental or physical health.

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Bill	Author, Chapter, Statute Year	Statutory Reference	Summary
AB 2581 Healing arts: continuing education: maternal mental health	Maienschein, Chapter 836, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code section 3524.5	The Physician Assistant Practice Act establishes the Board and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of physician assistants. This bill requires the Board, in determining its continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in maternal mental health.
AB 2730 Sexual assault: medical evidentiary examinations	Lackey, Chapter 113, Statutes of 2024	California Penal Code section 13823.5	Current law requires the Office of Emergency Services to establish a protocol for the examination and treatment of victims of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault and the collection of evidence therefrom. Current law requires a qualified health care professional who conducts an examination for evidence of a sexual assault or an attempted sexual assault to use the standard form and to make those observations and perform those tests required to record the data required by the form. Current law defines qualified health care professional for this purpose to include a physician and surgeon, or a currently licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who is working in consultation with a physician and surgeon who conducts examinations or provides treatment in a general acute care hospital or in a physician and surgeon's office. This bill revises the definition of a qualified health care professional as it pertains to a physician assistant and nurse or nurse practitioner by removing the requirement that the consulting physician and surgeon conduct examinations or provide treatment.
AB 3119 Physicians and surgeons, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants: continuing medical education: infection-associated chronic conditions	Low, Chapter 433, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code section 3524.7	The Physician Assistant Practice Act establishes the Board to license and regulate physician assistants and authorizes the Board to require a licensed physician assistant to complete continuing education as a condition of license renewal. This bill requires the Board to consider including in its continuing education requirements a course in infection-associated chronic conditions, including long COVID-19.
SB 607 Controlled substances	Portantino, Chapter 862, Statutes of 2024	Health and Safety Code section 11158.1	Existing law requires a prescriber, with certain exceptions, before directly dispensing or issuing for a minor the first prescription for a controlled substance containing an opioid in a single course of treatment, to discuss specified information with the minor, the minor's parent or guardian, or another adult authorized to consent to the minor's medical treatment. This bill extends that requirement for the prescriber by applying it to any patient, not only a minor, under those circumstances.
SB 639 Medical professionals: course requirements	Limón, Chapter 336, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code section 3524.6	This bill requires a physician assistant who provides primary care to a patient population, of which over 25% are 65 years of age or older, to complete at least 20% of all mandatory continuing education hours in a course in the field of geriatric medicine, the special care needs of patients with dementia, or the care of older patients.
SB 1451 Professions and vocations	Ashby, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2024	Business and Professions Code sections 115.4, 115.5, 115.6 and 135.4	Existing law establishes DCA, which is composed of boards that license and regulate various professions. Existing law imposes certain requirements on those boards to expedite licensure processes, waive specified licensing fees, or issue temporary licenses, depending on the criteria that the applicant satisfies. One of those provisions requires, among other things, the applicant to be, or to have been, an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, as specified. Another provision requires that the applicant hold an out-of-state license in that profession or vocation and be married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active-duty member of the armed forces, as specified. Under a third provision's criteria, the applicant must have been admitted to the United States as a refugee, have been granted asylum, or have a special immigrant visa, as specified. This bill specifies that the term "applicant," for purposes of the above-described provisions, refers to an applicant for an individual license and does not refer to applicants for business or entity licenses. The bill prohibits a board from charging a fee for the issuance of a temporary license for an applicant who holds an out-of-state license in that profession or vocation and who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active-duty member of the armed forces, as specified.

Specific statutory language can be found at [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](https://leginfo.ca.gov).



Administrative Actions–Citations

A citation is an administrative action by which the Board may address relatively minor violations of the Physician Assistant Practice Act or the Board's regulations that would not necessarily warrant discipline to protect the public. Citations ARE NOT disciplinary actions but are matters of public record. Citations remain on a licensee's file for five years and are then purged. By law, payment of a fine is considered satisfactory resolution of all violations contained in the citation.

NAME	CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Robert W. Ruiz	Auburn	15696	Citation Issued	06/06/2024
Amy Clawges	Fresno	52667	Citation Issued	06/21/2024
Brian Jones	Encinitas	16895	Citation Issued	06/21/2024
Lance Deon	Rivas Bayside	20085	Citation Issued	06/21/2024
Annalee Beth Croft	Redding	57474	Citation Issued	06/21/2024
Mallory Hope Maddox	Austin, TX	56665	Citation Issued	06/21/2024
Arielle Gabriela Paamoni	La Mesa	57144	Citation Issued	06/25/2024
Jenson Thomas Houston	Van Nuys	57275	Citation Issued	06/27/2024
Joseph Theodore Krpalek	Loma Linda	55248	Citation Issued	06/27/2024
Darryl D. Mayo	Los Angeles	12798	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Marla Demetra Hall	Richmond	12355	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Lucy Ahumada—Alba	Wilmington	13539	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Marco Messiah Mitchell	Oakdale	22495	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Jodi Leigh Rook	Greenfield, MO	53663	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Scott Eugene Catone	Fresno	12975	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Robert Michael Anderson	Santa Rosa Valley	14749	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Elnora Cunningham Gomez	Corona	11457	Citation Issued	08/21/2024
Elizabeth J. Mayer	San Diego	13647	Citation Issued	09/10/2024
Patrizia Andreina Visconti	Coral Springs, FL	54642	Citation Issued	09/10/2024
Marge Lee	Woodland	16123	Citation Issued	09/10/2024
Kathryn Marie Stollmeyer	Salyer	19225	Citation Issued	09/10/2024
Raymond A. Villaverde	Capitola	21732	Citation Issued	09/12/2024
Crystal Ann Grund	Union City	18026	Citation Issued	09/21/2024
Catherine Celeste Harris	Covina	19280	Citation Issued	11/14/2024
Elaine C. Bailey	Westchester	16838	Citation Issued	10/11/2024
Steven Joseph Schutz	Temecula	16522	Citation Issued	10/30/2024
Monique Cerissa Mariscal	Santa Ana	22982	Citation Issued	11/06/2024
Lori Ann Rodriguez	Lancaster	18174	Citation Issued	12/06/2024
Elaine Lynn Smith	Rancho Cucamonga	14494	Citation Issued	12/06/2024
Paula I. Molina	San Francisco	57114	Citation Issued	12/06/2024
Rachel Mara O'Desky	Phoenix, AZ	57106	Citation Issued	12/19/2024
Melissa Michelle Barlis	Irvine	52006	Citation Issued	12/19/2024



Administrative Actions–Discipline

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NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Daniel L. Eustace Chowchilla	54524	License Surrendered	06/15/2024
Saeed Shah Hashemi Bakersfield	18267	Public Repeval	06/14/2024
Richard Alexander Romero La Habra	64581	One Year Probationary License	06/04/2024
Vangie Tran Kim Luong Alhambra	22122	Five Years' Probation	07/26/2024
Harmandeep Singh Rai Atwater	19006	Public Repeval	07/26/2024
Christopher Sarmiento Yujico Honolulu, HI	56302	Public Repeval	07/19/2024
Malisa Nuzzi Lakewood	51474	License Revoked	08/28/2024
Julian Armand Santiago Daly City	55517	License Revoked	08/22/2024
Donyina Appauh Chino Hills	15972	Three Years' Probation	09/26/2024
Rony E. Medina Los Angeles	15130	License Revoked	09/27/2024
Eric Reynoso Laguna Hills	51467	Three Years' Probation	09/26/2024
William James Lee Aliso Viejo	13497	Public Repeval	10/25/2024
Omar C. Staples Oakland	16192	35 Months' Probation	11/29/2024
Robert Joseph Webb Las Vegas, NV	54420	Public Repeval	11/20/2024
Daniel William Cable Pismo Beach	22057	Public Repeval	12/12/2024
Joseph David Silverstein Simi Valley	16833	Three Years' Probation	12/05/2024