RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED PERMANENT RULE

TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 15. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

This Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to 75 O.S.Supp.2025, § 253(B).

PROPOSED PERMANENT RULES:

435:15-3-1. Qualification; application [AMENDED]

435:15-3-1.1. Physician Assistant with 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical practice experience [AMENDED]

STATEMENT OF NEED and LEGAL BASIS FOR PROPOSED RULE(S):

The proposed permanent rule amendments are necessary to clarify and bring the rules into harmony with existing and new law, specifically the provisions of HB 4431, HB 2584, and HB 4430. The amendments update the requirement of passage of the PA jurisprudence examination from annually to upon licensure, reentry to practice, or initial Compact privilege; and clarify malpractice insurance requirements for PAs.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE RULE(S) AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION:

Nonmajor. There are no costs reasonably expected for annual implementation and compliance by state or local government, or individuals.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RULES:

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FEDERAL LAW MANDATE(S):

The amendments are not a requirement for participation in or implementation of a federally subsidized or assisted program, nor do they exceed the requirements of any applicable federal law.

CLASSES OF PERSONS MOST LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED:

The classes of persons most likely to be affected by the proposed amendments are physician assistants and those members of the public receiving healthcare services from physician assistants. There is no cost associated with the implementation of this rule to the classes affected. No information on cost impact has been received by the agency from private or public entities to date.

CLASSES OF PERSONS MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT:

The classes of persons most likely to benefit from the proposed amendments are physician assistants and those members of the public receiving healthcare services from physician assistants.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT AND COST ANALYSIS:

The proposed permanent amendments will have little or no economic impact on the agency, affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy as a whole. No additional fee changes, agency personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Any cost associated with implementation will be absorbed by board staff. However, at this time there is no cost reasonably anticipated with implementation of these amended rules.

IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

No economic impact, or a need for cooperation from political subdivisions, is anticipated.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT:

There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business, with reference to Sections 303 (A) (4) and 304 (b) (6) of the APA.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND COSTS OF COMPLIANCE:

There are no apparent alternative methods for compliance. The agency does not anticipate any additional costs of administration due to implementation of these rule changes.

ESTIMATE OF AGENCY RESOURCES TO DEVELOP/IMPLEMENT RULE:

The agency resources and staff time necessary to implement the rule amendments are anticipated to be minimal.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

There will be no adverse impact or concerns regarding public safety, health or the environment that will result from this proposed rule change. The public safety and health of the public could be negatively affected if the proposed rules are not adopted as the rules are not consistent with current statute.

ALTERNATIVES TO ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules are not regulatory in nature. No alternative exists.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING/PROPOSED FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

There are no regulations intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed amendments.

DATE OF RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Prepared: June 10, 2026