

May 9, 2019

The Alaska Medical Assistants Society (Alaska MAS) and the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) submitted the attached comments (first attachment) to the Alaska State Medical Board (ASMB) regarding a proposed new section of the ASMB regulations. This proposed new section 12 AAC 40.920 would establish the authority of physicians, podiatrists, osteopaths, and physician assistants to delegate certain tasks to competent unlicensed professionals such as medical assistants. See pages 9 through 13 of the second attachment.

The Alaska MAS and the AAMA urge you to submit written comments supporting pages 9 through 13 of the proposed regulations of the ASMB. You should state that new section 12 AAC 40.920 of the proposed regulations would clarify what licensed providers are permitted to delegate to knowledgeable and competent unlicensed professionals such as medical assistants. You should emphasize that 12 AAC 40.920 would increase the availability of quality health care for residents of Alaska.

You should also state that you support the additions to 12 AAC 40.920 proposed by the Alaska MAS and the AAMA. You should stress the fact that the additional language suggested by the Alaska MAS and the AAMA would give licensed providers the authority to delegate additional injections to medical assistants holding a current credential accredited by the national body that accredits certification programs. These injections would be performed as specifically authorized by the delegating licensed provider. According to the proposed 12 AAC 40.920 and the amendments offered by the Alaska MAS and the AAMA, the delegating licensed provider would be required to be immediately available onsite whenever injections are being administered.

Note the following information about how to submit comments to the Alaska State Medical Board. The deadline for submitting written comments is **4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2019**:

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at <http://notice.alaska.gov/193919>, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2019.** Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

Thank you in advance for your support. Feel free to email questions to the following:

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