333.18048.added Supervision of physician's assistants by podiatrist; limitation.

Sec. 18048. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a podiatrist who is a sole practitioner or who practices in a group of podiatrists and treats patients on an outpatient basis shall not supervise more than 4 physician's assistants. If a podiatrist described in this subsection supervises physician's assistants at more than 1 practice site, the podiatrist shall not supervise more than 2 physician's assistants by a method other than the podiatrist's actual physical presence at the practice site.

(2) A podiatrist who is employed by or under contract or subcontract to or has privileges at a health facility licensed under article 17 may supervise more than 4 physician's assistants at the health facility or agency.

(3) The department may promulgate rules for the appropriate delegation and utilization of a physician's assistant by a podiatrist, including, but not limited to, rules to prohibit or otherwise restrict the delegation of certain podiatric services or require higher levels of supervision if the board determines that such services require extensive training, education, or ability or pose serious risks to the health or safety of patients.


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