In order to maximize flexibility and mobility of Physician Assistant-provided care during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has modified its requirements for documenting the supervising physician-physician assistant relationship. During the COVID-19 response, in lieu of providing a comprehensive Delegation of Services (DOS) form to the Board for approval, supervising physicians may document their supervision of individual PAs on the COVID-19 Modified DOS form in the link below. This will permit physicians and PAs to respond quickly to changes in supervision that may be required to maximize care provided during the response to COVID-19. The form should be kept accurate and up to date, and be maintained on-site at all practice locations and address of record of the supervising physician. Use of the Modified DOS is authorized during the 120 days following the effective date of this protocol, or as otherwise permitted by the Board.

The Board will waive the requirement that supervising physicians apply to the Board for a waiver if they seek to supervise more than four (4) physician assistants at one time. Supervising physicians supervising should continue to perform supervisory duties in accordance with the community standard of care for all supervised PAs. This waiver will be in effect for 120 days following the effective date above, unless otherwise permitted by the Board.

Finally, Board administrative rule 22.01.03.031 provides as follows:

031. PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CARE. A physician assistant or graduate physician assistant licensed in this state or licensed or authorized to practice in any other state of the United States or currently credentialed to practice by a federal employer who is responding to a need for patient services created by an emergency or a state or local disaster (not to be defined as an emergency situation which occurs in the place of one’s employment) may render such patient services that they are able to provide without supervision as it is defined in this chapter, or with such supervision as is available. Any physician who supervises a physician assistant or graduate physician assistant providing patient services in response to such an emergency or state or local disaster shall not be required to meet the requirements set forth in this chapter for a supervising physician. (3-16-04)

- COVID-19 Supervising Physician Attestation Form and COVID-19 Modified DOS Form