

NEW REGULATION – NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS

Effective August 11, 2011, Section 1399.547, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, mandated by Business and Professions Code section 138, requires that physician assistants inform patients that they are licensed and regulated by the Physician Assistant Committee (Committee). The notification must include the following statement and information:

**NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE LICENSED AND REGULATED BY THE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
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Physician assistants may provide this notification by one of the following three methods:

- Prominently posting a sign in an area of their offices conspicuous to patients, in at least 48-point type in Arial font.
- Including the notification in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient or patient's representative, and kept in that patient's file, stating the patient understands the physician assistant is licensed and regulated by the Committee.
- Including the notification in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or the patient's representative, where the notification is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in at least 14-point type.

The regulation language and notification follows and may be downloaded for your use.

For more information, please contact the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Committee, Elberta Portman, at (916) 561-8782 or Elberta.Portman@mbc.ca.gov

California Code of Regulations:

1399.547. Notification to Consumers.

(a) A licensee engaged in providing medical services shall provide notification to each patient of the fact that the licensee is licensed and regulated by the committee. The notification shall include the following statement and information:

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(b) The notification required by this section shall be provided by one of the following methods:

(1) Prominently posting the notification in an area visible to patients on the premises where the licensee provides the licensed services, in which case the notice shall be in at least 48-point type in Arial font.

(2) Including the notification in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient or the patient's representative and retained in that patient's medical records, stating the patient understands the physician assistant is licensed and regulated by the committee.

(3) Including the notification in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or the patient's representative, where the notice is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in at least 14-point type.

Note: Authority cited: Section 3510, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Section 138, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 7-12-2011; operative 8-11-2011 (Register 2011, No. 28).

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