

**Physician Assistant Academy of Vermont (PAAV)**  
**S.128, An Act Relating to Physician Assistant Licensure**  
**Proposed Amendments to the Senate-Passed Bill**  
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***PAAV proposed amendments to the Senate-passed bill are boldfaced and italicized.***

**1. §1731 POLICY AND PURPOSE** – Replace “expertise” with “experience” to be consistent with other places in the bill that use the term “education, training and experience”

The General Assembly recognizes that physician assistants, with their education, training and ~~expertise~~ **experience** in the field of medicine, are well suited to provide these services to Vermonters.

**2. §1732 DEFINITIONS**

**(3) “Collaboration”** – Replace “competencies” with “training” to be consistent with other places in the bill that use the term “education, training and experience”

(3) “Collaboration” means a physician assistant’s consultation with or referral to an appropriate physician or other health care professional as indicated based on the patient’s condition; the physician assistant’s education, ~~competencies~~ **training**, and experience; and the applicable standards of care.

**(11) “Practice as a Physician Assistant”** – Change “with” to “signed by” to clarify that a participating physician signs the practice agreement as a representative of the health care facility or physician group practice and may, but is not required to be, one of the physicians that the PA collaborates with in a health care facility or group practice.

(11) “Practice as a physician assistant” means the practice of medicine by a PA pursuant to a practice agreement ~~with~~ **signed by** a participating physician.

**3. §1735a PRACTICE AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE** – Add that when entering into a practice agreement, a PA’s area of specialty can be “related to” the area of specialty of the participating physician who practices as a sole practitioner or one or more of the physicians in a group practice or health care facility. Also remove “at all times” twice because it is unnecessary.

(a)(1) A physician assistant shall enter into a practice agreement with a physician who practices as a sole practitioner only if the participating physician’s area of specialty is similar to ~~or related to~~ **or related to** the physician assistant’s area of specialty.

(a)(2) A physician assistant shall enter into a practice agreement with a participating physician who represents a physician group or health care facility only if one or more of

the physicians practicing in the physician group or at the health care facility has an area of specialty similar to **or related to** the physician assistant's area of specialty.

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(b)(3) A plan to have a physician available for consultation **at all times** when a physician assistant is practicing medicine.

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(c) A practice agreement may specify the extent of the collaboration required between the PA and the physicians and other health care professionals; provided, however, that a physician shall be accessible for consultation by telephone or electronic means **at all times** when a PA is practicing.

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