



**COLORADO**  
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Regulatory Agencies  
Division of Professions and Occupations

## **COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD**

### **JUSTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY STATUS**

**August 17, 2023**

The basis for these rules is to carry out the provisions of the Medical Practice Act at section 12-240-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. These emergency rules are promulgated to comply with state law.

The immediate adoption of amendments to Rule 1.15, RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSURE OF AND PRACTICE BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, is to implement Colorado Senate Bill 23-083 (Concerning an Expansion of a Physician Assistant's Ability to Practice, and, in Connection Therewith, Changing the Relationship between a Physician Assistant and a Physician or Podiatrist from Supervision to Collaboration).

The Board finds it is imperatively necessary to adopt the amendments on an emergency basis in order to comply with state law, SB23-083, which took effect on August 7, 2023. The Board further finds that compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S. would be contrary to the public interest.