

HB 484 -- Physician Assistants

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This bill expands the definition of "supervision" of physician assistants to allow supervising physicians to be available via telecommunications for consultation, assistance, or intervention.

The bill requires that the supervising physician be present for practice supervision and collaboration a minimum of 20% of the clinic's hours when utilizing physician assistants.

The bill also requires physician assistants to practice within 30 miles of the supervising physician. The mileage limit on physician assistants practicing in federally designated health professional shortage areas will be 50 miles.