

Definitions of Levels of Supervision

Direct Supervision: This means the supervising physician is actually in sight of the physician assistant when the physician assistant is performing the function requiring direct supervision. Although the physician may be performing some other task at the time, the supervising physician may immediately provide direction or assume the performance of the task if difficulties arise. This does not require that the physician is watching “over the shoulder” of the physician assistant as would be required during the training period to ensure that the physician assistant is competent to perform the task.

On-site supervision: Requires the physical presence of the supervising physician in the same location (i.e. the physician’s office suite) as the physician assistant, but does not require the physical presence in the same room.

Off-site supervision: The supervising physician must be continuously available for direct communication with the physician assistant when the physician assistant is at a separate location than the practice address of the primary supervising physician by means of the line of communication specified by the primary supervising physician on his/her *Application for Physician to Supervise Physician Assistant* filed with the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.