

311.850 Discipline of physician assistants.

- (1) The board may revoke, suspend, deny, decline to renew, limit, or restrict the license of a physician assistant, or may fine, reprimand or place a physician assistant on probation for no more than five (5) years upon proof that a physician assistant has:
 - (a) Knowingly made or presented or caused to be made or presented any false, fraudulent, or forged statement, writing, certificate, diploma, or other document relating to an application for licensure;
 - (b) Practiced, aided, or abetted in the practice of fraud, forgery, deception, collusion, or conspiracy relating to an examination for licensure;
 - (c) Been convicted by any court of a misdemeanor offense involving moral turpitude or been convicted of an act that is or would be a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or of the United States;
 - (d) Become addicted to or is an abuser of alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance;
 - (e) Developed a physical or mental disability or other condition that presents a danger in continuing to practice medicine to patients, the public, or other health care personnel;
 - (f) Knowingly made or caused to be made or aided or abetted in the making of a false statement in any document executed in connection with the practice of medicine or osteopathy;
 - (g) Performed any act or service as a physician assistant without a designated supervising physician;
 - (h) Exceeded the scope of medical services described by the supervising physician in the applications required under KRS 311.854;
 - (i) Exceeded the scope of practice for which the physician assistant was credentialed by the governing board of a hospital or licensed health care facility under KRS 311.856 and 311.858;
 - (j) Aided, assisted, or abetted the unlawful practice of medicine or osteopathy or any healing art, including the unlawful practice of physician assistants;
 - (k) Willfully violated a confidential communication;
 - (l) Performed the services of a physician assistant in an unprofessional, incompetent, or grossly or chronically negligent manner;
 - (m) Been removed, suspended, expelled, or placed on probation by any health care facility or professional society for unprofessional conduct, incompetence, negligence, or violation of any provision of this section or KRS 311.858 or 311.862;
 - (n) Violated any applicable provision of administrative regulations relating to physician assistant practice;
 - (o) Violated any term of probation or other discipline imposed by the board; or
 - (p) Failed to complete the required number of hours of approved continuing education.

- (2) All disciplinary proceedings against a physician assistant shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of KRS 311.591, 311.592, 311.593, 311.599, and KRS Chapter 13B and related administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 311.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006). 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 11, provides: "A physician assistant who is certified in Kentucky and in good standing on the effective date of this Act [July 12, 2006] shall automatically be licensed under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act [KRS 311.840, 311.842, 311.844, 311.845, 311.846, 311.848, 311.850, 311.852, 311.856, and 311.862] and shall be issued a physician assistant license upon annual renewal."