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The Honorable Jesse Sumner
Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Follow-up on SB 115(HSS) am

Dear Chair Sumner,

During the House Labor & Commerce meeting on May 6, 2024, regarding SB 115(HSS) am: Physician Assistant Scope of Practice, the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL) agreed to follow-up on questions from Representative Ruffridge.

1. Can a collaborative agreement be between an Alaska-licensed physician assistant and an out-of-state physician?

12 AAC 40.410(a) prohibits a licensed physician assistant from practicing without at least one collaborative relationship with a primary supervising physician and at least one alternate collaborating physician. Collaborating physicians must hold a current, active, and unrestricted license in this state per 12 AAC 40.410(h). Therefore, a collaborating physician must hold a current and unrestricted Alaska license, but they are not required to reside, or be in the state.

2. How many collaborating physicians reside outside of Alaska?

The division does not track where a provider is physically located, we simply require mailing addresses. However, when looking at the actively licensed physicians and osteopathic physicians with collaborative agreements in place, twelve percent have mailing addresses outside of Alaska.

3. How many physician assistants are currently licensed in the state?

As of today, there are 850 actively licensed physician assistants (indicating they have a collaborative agreement in place) and 313 physician assistants that are licensed but not currently authorized to practice due to lack of a collaborative agreement.

CBPL is happy to provide any additional information that would be helpful to the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Saviers".

Glenn Saviers
Deputy Director