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Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 58, Add Physician Assistant to State Medical Board.

SB 58 simply adds a physician assistant to the membership of the State Medical Board. As a consequence, the quorum requirement for meetings is also adjusted. Under current law, there are seven members on the Medical Board. However, only physicians and public members with no financial connection to the health care industry may serve.

Presently, there are about 250 physician assistants providing a wide variety of medical services to Alaskans. They are an important part of Alaska's health care delivery system. On average they account for over 50,000 patient-provider contacts per month. In rural settings, they are often the only health care practitioner and responder for emergency, life threatening situations.

The examination and licensing of physician assistants is the responsibility of the State Medical Board. In addition to setting licensing qualifications, the board determines the scope and nature of the medical services that a physician assistant is authorized to perform. Correspondingly, the board also defines the responsibilities that are required of an assistant's supervising physician. In many ways, the effectiveness of a physician assistant is dependent on the working relationship with the supervising physician.

Consequently, I believe it is important for the work of the board that a physician assistant be added to its membership. Having such representation will facilitate the deliberations and broaden the experience of the board. In my view, it will increase the board's effectiveness in maintaining the quality of health care services in Alaska.

Tony Knowles, Governor

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Mr. Hall, I am pleased to advise you that at its meeting of January 18, 2001, the Alaska State Medical Board voted unanimously to support the Academy in its effort to provide for the inclusion of a physician assistant to the membership of the board.

The board appreciates the efforts of the members of the Academy and wishes you every success in pursuing this change to the board

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Addition of One Physician Assistant to State Medical Board

WHEREAS there are 250 physician assistant licensees of the State Medical Board. Physician assistants have been licensees for more than twenty years.

Board of Directors

Ed Hall
President
Anchorage, AK

WHEREAS there is currently no representation of physician assistant licensees to the State Medical Board.

Jeanne Clark
President Elect
Fairbanks, AK

WHEREAS consideration of physician assistant licensure, regulations and discipline are frequent topics of the State Medical Board and physician assistant participation would strengthen, enhance and support State Medical Board decision-making process.

Wendy Hladick
Past President
Dillingham, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants care for over 50,000 Alaskans every month, in a wide variety of institutions, and would therefore provide good representation of their patients (the public) towards matters before the State Medical Board.

Patricia Brown
Secretary-Treasurer
Anchorage, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants have proven interest and active participation in State Medical Board business by virtue of their active attendance at State Medical Board meetings for over four years.

Don Hussen
2-Year Board Member
Fairbanks, AK

WHEREAS physician assistants as licensees of the State Medical Board will contribute valuable opinions which will represent a wider spectrum of medical practitioners in Alaska.

Mark Restad
1 Year Board Member
Homer, AK

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants wishes to amend Article I State Medical Board, Section 08.64.010, Creation and Membership of State Medical Board, to state "The Governor shall appoint a board of medical examiners, to be known as the State Medical Board, consisting of five physicians, ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, licensed in the State and residing in as many as separate geographical areas of the State as possible, and two persons with no direct financial interest in the healthcare industry."