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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Lontine; Will Sen. Winter	Bill Status:	House Health & Insurance
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Bill Topic: **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COLLABORATION & REIMBURSEMENT**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill replaces the supervisory relationship between a physician and a physician assistant with a collaborative one and modifies insurance reimbursement of physician assistants. It increases state workload in FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, physician assistants with fewer than three years of practice experience are permitted to perform certain activities only under the supervision of a physician. The bill removes this supervisory relationship and instead requires a physician assistant with fewer than 5,760 hours of practice experience or who is beginning practice in a new specialty to engage in formal collaboration with a physician. Physician assistants with at least 5,760 hours of practice experience must engage in informal collaboration with a physician. The bill establishes parameters for collaborative plans, and specifies that a physician may enter into a practice agreement and collaborative plan with up to eight physician assistants at one time.

The bill also establishes requirements for insurance carriers regarding the reimbursement of physician assistants.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in FY 2021-22 only for the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Law to update rules. It can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Personnel and Administration

Law
Regulatory Agencies