

## 2010 Board Rule Changes

The following is a summary of the changes effective on September 19, 2010. Click [here](#) for the complete board rules.

**Chapter 180, Texas Physician Health Program and Rehabilitation Orders:** Amendment to §180.2, concerning Definitions, adds that the Texas Physician Health and Rehabilitation Committee shall also be referred to as the TXPHP Advisory Committee.

Amendment to §180.3, concerning Texas Physician Health Program (PHP), amends language to be consistent with the amendment to §180.2.

Amendment to §180.4, concerning Operation of Program, provides that the drug vendor used by the PHP must be approved by the Texas Medical Board, and establishes standards for processing referrals, requiring evaluations, setting terms for agreements with participants, and facilitating interventions.

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**Chapter 185, Physician Assistants:** Amendment to §185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, deletes inaccurate language and provides clarifying language that the rule applies to determinations on active practice.

Amendment to §185.7, relating to Temporary License, provides that the PA Board may revoke a temporary license when necessary.

Amendment to §185.16, relating to Employment Guidelines, deletes language based on recent statutory changes, and clarifies that a physician may supervise more than five physician assistants if granted a waiver by the Texas Medical Board.

Amendment to §185.22, relating to Impaired Physician Assistants, establishes requirements for probable cause hearings relating to physical or mental impairment examinations, and applies Chapter 180 to physician assistants in relation to rehabilitation orders and the Texas Physician Health Program.

New §185.27, relating to Duty to Report Certain Conduct to the Board, sets out requirements for physician assistants to report certain events to the PA Board within 30 days of their occurrence.

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