

**Subject** Physician assistant collaborative agreement requirements

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## Summary

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 147A.02, physician assistants eligible for licensure must practice for at least 2,080 hours, within the context of a collaborative agreement, within a hospital or integrated clinical setting where physician assistants and physicians work together to provide patient care. After such time, licensed physician assistants practice under an established practice agreement with a physician.

This bill modifies requirements for collaborative practice agreements for physician assistants eligible for licensure. It removes the requirement for the agreement to be a collaborative arrangement and allows the agreement to be with one or more physicians licensed anywhere in the United States, rather than only physicians licensed in Minnesota. The bill also removes the requirement for the collaborative agreement to designate the scope of services the physician assistant may provide, and instead requires the agreement to designate the scope of collaboration necessary to manage patient care.