

Amend CSSB 985 by inserting the following language as Section 2 and appropriately renumbering the existing language as follows:

(1) SECTION 2. Sections 157.0541(a), (c), and (e), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "alternate site" means a practice site:

(1) where services similar to the services provided at the delegating physician's primary practice site are provided; and

(2) located within 75 ~~[60]~~ miles of the delegating physician's primary practice site.

(c) Physician supervision is adequate for the purposes of this section if the delegating physician:

(1) ~~[is on site with the advanced practice nurse or physician assistant at least 20 percent of the time;~~

~~[(2)]~~ reviews at least 10 percent of the medical charts from ~~[at]~~ the site; and

(2) [(3)] is available through direct telecommunication for consultation, patient referral, or assistance with a medical emergency.

(e) The combined number of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants to whom a physician may delegate under this section and at a primary practice site under Section 157.053 may not exceed six ~~[three]~~ physician assistants or advanced practice nurses or the full-time equivalent of six ~~[three]~~ physician assistants or advanced practice nurses.