

**State Board of Medicine
Special Notice
March 21, 2014**

**Proof of Professional Liability Insurance Coverage Now Required
For Written Agreement Approval**

Effective immediately any new "Application for Registration as a Supervising Physician" must include proof the named physician assistant has obtained professional liability insurance coverage.

Temporary written agreements will not be approved without proof of insurance.

A licensed physician assistant in this Commonwealth shall maintain a level of professional liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claims made.

The board will accept as satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

- (1) Self-insurance;
- (2) Personally purchased liability insurance; or
- (3) Professional liability insurance coverage provided by the physician assistant's employer or similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

Proof of professional liability insurance coverage may include:

- (1) A certificate of insurance or copy of the declaration page from the applicable insurance policy setting forth the effective date, expiration date and dollar amounts of coverage.
- (2) Evidence of a plan of self-insurance approved by the Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth under regulations of the Insurance Department in 31 Pa. Code Chapter 243 (relating to medical malpractice and health-related self-insurance plans).

A licensee who does not have professional liability insurance coverage as required under section 36(f) of the act may not practice as a physician assistant in this Commonwealth. Failure to maintain insurance coverage while practicing in the Commonwealth, shall subject the licensee to disciplinary proceedings.