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49 drug sample dispensed by the physician assistant, the  
50 prescription must be filled in a pharmacy permitted under  
51 chapter 465 and must be dispensed in that pharmacy by a  
52 pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The appearance of the

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54 assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal drug and the  
55 prescription is valid.

56 6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or  
57 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

58 (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

59 (a) Any person desiring to be licensed as a physician  
60 assistant must apply to the department. The department shall  
61 issue a license to any person certified by the council as having  
62 met the following requirements:

63 1. Is at least 18 years of age.

64 2. Has satisfactorily passed a proficiency examination by  
65 an acceptable score established by the National Commission on  
66 Certification of Physician Assistants. If an applicant does not  
67 hold a current certificate issued by the National Commission on  
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69 practiced as a physician assistant within the immediately  
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71 complete the entry-level examination of the National Commission  
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75 application fee not to exceed \$300 as set by the boards. An  
76 application for licensure made by a physician assistant must  
77 include:

78 a. A certificate of completion of a physician assistant

79 training program specified in subsection (6).

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81 c. A ~~sworn~~ statement of any previous revocation or denial  
82 of licensure or certification in any state.

83 ~~d. Two letters of recommendation.~~

84 d.e. A copy of course transcripts and a copy of the course  
85 description from a physician assistant training program  
86 describing course content in pharmacotherapy, if the applicant  
87 wishes to apply for prescribing authority. These documents must  
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89 (c) The license must be renewed biennially. Each renewal  
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93 previous 2 years.

94 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) and paragraphs  
95 (a) and (b) of subsection (7) of section 459.022, Florida  
96 Statutes, are amended to read:

97 459.022 Physician assistants.—

98 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

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100 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or  
101 dispense any medication used in the supervisory physician's  
102 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary  
103 created pursuant to s. 458.347. A fully licensed physician  
104 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under

105 the following circumstances:

106 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the  
107 patient that she or he is a physician assistant. Furthermore,  
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109 has the right to see the physician prior to any prescription  
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177           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.