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 32 board's examination, or is certified by the Board of
 33 Certification in Anesthesiology affiliated with the American
 34 Association of Physician Specialists.

35 (g) "Direct supervision" means the physical presence of a
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46 (2) PERFORMANCE OF SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST.—

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- 53 2. The name, address, license number, and federal Drug
 54 Enforcement Administration number of each physician who will be
 55 supervising the anesthesiologist assistant.
- 56 3. The address of the anesthesiologist assistant's primary
 57 practice location and the address of any other locations where
 58 the anesthesiologist assistant may practice.
- 59 4. The date the protocol was developed and the dates of
 60 all revisions.
- 61 5. The signatures of the anesthesiologist assistant and
 62 either the single supervising anesthesiologist or a supervising
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- 65 6. The duties and functions of the anesthesiologist
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 68 provision of care by an anesthesiologist.
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103 support.
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116 fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.
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118 abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,
119 or other forms of therapy.
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121 postanesthesia recovery area, including the administration of
122 any supporting fluids or drugs.
- 123 12. Place special peripheral and central venous and
124 arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.
- 125 (b) Nothing in this section or chapter prevents third-

126 party payors from reimbursing employers of anesthesiologist
127 assistants for covered services rendered by such
128 anesthesiologist assistants.

129 (c) After 90 days following the submission of a completed
130 application for clinical privileges at a hospital, an
131 anesthesiologist assistant may not be denied clinical hospital
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133 anesthesiologist is a staff member in good standing at that
134 hospital.

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136 the patient that he or she is an anesthesiologist assistant.

137 ~~(e)-(d)~~ An anesthesiologist assistant may perform
138 anesthesia tasks and services within the framework of a written
139 practice protocol developed between the supervising
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141 ~~(f)-(e)~~ An anesthesiologist assistant may not prescribe,
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143 medical device, nor may an anesthesiologist assistant dispense
144 sample drugs to patients. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits an
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146 controlled substances; intravenous drugs, fluids, or blood
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177 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (1),
178 paragraph (b) of subsection (2), subsection (3), and paragraphs
179 (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of section 459.023, Florida
180 Statutes, are amended to read:

181 459.023 Anesthesiologist assistants.—

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337 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.