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Act 79 removed certain restrictions on physician assistant practice to provide greater autonomy for PAs.

Act 79 contained the following key elements:

1. Creating a permanent seat for physician assistants on the medical board.
2. Removing the requirement that a supervising physician countersign 100% of patient's charts.
3. Allowing all written agreements between physicians and physician assistants to be "filed" with the Board instead of "approved" by the Board.
4. Outlining appropriate supervision requirements based on the needs of the physicians, physician assistants, and overall health care system.
5. Increased the number of physician assistants that a physician may have primary responsibility over from four to six.

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