

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Notice to Consumers by Physicians
Specific Language of Proposed Changes

Adopt section 1355.4 in Article 1 of Chapter 2 to read as follows:

1355.4. Notice to Consumers

(a)A licensee engaged in the practice of medicine shall provide notice to each patient of the fact that the licensee is licensed and regulated by the board. The notice shall include the following statement and information:

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Medical doctors are licensed and regulated

by the Medical Board of California

(800) 633-2322

www.mbc.ca.gov

(b)The notice required by this section shall be provided by one of the following methods:

(1)Prominently posting the notice in an area visible to patients on the premises where the licensee provides the licensed services, in which case the notice shall be in at least 48-point type in Arial font.

(2)Including the notice in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient or the patient's representative and retained in that patient's medical records, stating the patient understands the physician is licensed and regulated by the board.

(3)Including the notice in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or the patient's representative, where the notice is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in at least 14-point type.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2018, Business and Professions Code; Reference: Sections 138 and 680, Business and Professions Code.

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NEW REGULATION – NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS

Effective August 11, 2011, Section 1399.547, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, mandated by Business and Professions Code section 138, requires that physician assistants inform patients that they are licensed and regulated by the Physician Assistant Committee (Committee) . The notification must include the following statement and information:

**NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE LICENSED AND REGULATED BY THE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
(916) 561-8780
WWW.PAC.CA.GOV**

Physician assistants may provide this notification by one of the following three methods:

- Prominently posting a sign in an area of their offices conspicuous to patients, in at least 48-point type in Arial font.
- Including the notification in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient and patient's representative, and kept in that patient's file, stating the patient understands the physician assistant is licensed and regulated by the Committee.
- Including the notification in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or the patient's representative, where the notification is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in a least 14-point type.

The regulation language and notification follows and may be downloaded for your use.

For more information, please contact the Executive Office of the Physician Assistant Committee, Elberta Portman, at (916) 561-8782 or Elberta.Portman@mbc.ca.gov

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