Supervising Provider Template letter

Date:

To Whom It May Concern:

, has been employed by _	under the supervision of
(NAME OF SUPERVISING MD)	, License number

Primary care services may be provided by a licensed physician assistant or nurse practitioner to children, adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients. Services provided may include:

As primary supervising physician, ______, License # ______ I agree to:

- A. Be available for face to face or telephone consultation, collaboration and necessary referrals during office hours
- B. Meet periodically to discuss clinical issues
- C. Be available for supervision as defined in the protocol for management of clinical problems, evaluation of care and improvement of patient outcomes.

As physician assistant or nurse practitioner, ______, License # _____, License # ______, I agree to:

- A. Utilize mutually developed practice protocols, and consult and collaborate on clinical problems and refer as needed
- B. Prescribe medications from the formulary and consult when needed for those medications not approved in the formulary
- C. Maintain a record of consultations
- D. Document and maintain a record of supervision

Dr. <u>(ENTER NAME)</u>

and (ENTER PA/NP NAME)

agree to the ongoing development of this relationship and evaluation formally and informally. The objective, practice goals, protocols, and details of the supervisory arrangement will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Dr. <u>(ENTER NAME)</u>

and <u>(ENTER PA/NP NAME)</u>

as parties to the supervisory arrangement, are responsible and accountable for performing in accord with the supervisory arrangement and within their separate and distinct scopes of practice.

Agreed to by:

Signature of DOCTOR

Signature of Physician Assistant

APPROVAL DATE: _____

REVIEW DATE:

PROTOCOLS FOR SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENT

A. Availability of supervising physician

The primary supervising physician is available on a continuous basis during Physician Assistant working hours. This can be done by direct communication or telecommunication. In the absence of the primary supervising physician, a backup supervising physician will be available.

- B. <u>Populations treated</u>
- C. Specific duties include but are not limited to:
 - □ Regularly scheduled hours of work
 - □ Health assessments
 - Documentation of assessment/evaluation findings
 - Medication evaluation for returning patients
 - □ Interpretation of assessment and diagnostic findings
 - **Establish diagnoses and formulation of treatment plan and recommendations**
 - Prescribe medications and prescribing treatments and any other therapeutic measures
 - Dispense samples for all formulary categories
 - Order laboratory, EKG, and other diagnostic tests
 - Counsel education and guide patients and families on various aspects of illness, their treatment and other resources available to them
 - □ Refer to other health care providers for medical consultation as appropriate
 - Plan for situations beyond the control and expertise of the NP/PA
 - Evaluation the success and appropriateness of services provided and health outcomes
 - Other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the primary supervising physician

*Controlled substances may be prescribed and ordered as allowed by the Medical Board of California. The PA/NP will be responsible for maintaining an assigned DEA license.

Any form or combination of the checked generic classes of medications may not be prescribed, ordered, or dispensed:

- □ All antipsychotic medications
- □ All antidepressant medications
- □ All benzodiazepines
- All stimulants
- □ All alpha adrenergic agonists
- All medications available for treatment of tremors
- All medications available for treatment of dementia

- □ All mood stabilizers
- □ All antiparkinson agents
- □ All hypnotics
- □ All thyroid supplements
- □ All antihistamines
- All medications available for ADHD treatment
- □ All trimonoamine modulators
- All nutritional Supplements

Other medications as appropriate for the treatment of medical conditions as indicated with the collaboration of the supervising physician.

PREDETERMINED PLAN FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 1. Immediate consultation with primary supervising physician or backup physician if necessary
- 2. If the situation is life-threatening, law enforcement or emergency medical services will be called
- 3. Family members or another contact person may be contacted to arrange for transportation for treatment or evaluation when needed

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Meetings for supervision will be scheduled monthly for the first six months (DATES) Then supervision meetings will be held every six months and more frequently as needed.
- 2. Clinical problems will be discussed. This will include a review of ______ cases representative of the clinical problems treated. Discussion will consist of interventions used, response and progress toward goals and or a plan to improve outcomes.
- 3. Documentation of the meetings including the discussion and ways to improve practice and outcomes will be maintained. This will be signed by both the supervising physician and the PA/NP.
- 4. The supervisory arrangement will be reviewed yearly during supervision.
- 5. The physician assistant and the supervising MD will meet at other times as needed to review clinical problems, interventions and treatment issues of patients.

Occurs by various modes:

- 1. Direct consultation with PA and patient
- 2. Verbal reporting with presentation, consultation, and review of individual patient treatment and outcomes
- 3. Review of clinical records, plans of treatment and face to face conferences as needed regarding assessment, treatment, and outcomes of patients.