



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4730.204 Authority to sign psychiatric inpatient documents.

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(A) Subject to division (B) of this section, a physician assistant may sign one or more documents relating to any of the following:

- (1) The admission of a patient to a health care facility for the purpose of receiving psychiatric or other behavioral health care services on an inpatient basis;
- (2) The discharge of a patient from a health care facility after receiving inpatient psychiatric or other behavioral health care services;
- (3) The treatment of a patient while at a health care facility on an inpatient basis for psychiatric or other behavioral health care services.

The documents may include a treatment plan or any medication order that is part of the treatment plan.

(B) To be eligible to sign documents described in this section, all of the following must be satisfied:

- (1) The physician assistant is employed by the health care facility in which a patient is receiving psychiatric or other behavioral health care services on an inpatient basis or the physician assistant has been granted appropriate credentials by the facility;
- (2) The physician assistant's supervising physician is employed by the health care facility in which a patient is receiving psychiatric or other behavioral health care services on an inpatient basis or is a member of the facility's medical staff.
- (3) The physician assistant's supervising physician has authorized the physician assistant to sign documents described in this section for the physician's patients.



(4) The policies of the health care facility authorize the physician assistant to sign documents described in this section.

(C) Notwithstanding section 4730.22 of the Revised Code or any other conflicting provision of this chapter, a supervising physician who authorizes a physician assistant to sign one or more documents as described in this section is not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property for an act or omission that arises from the physician assistant signing the document, and is not subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution for an act or omission that arises from the physician assistant signing the document.