Physician / Physician Assistant Practice Agreement

The health professionals licensed by the State of Rhode Island signing below agree to work as follows:

1. **Professional Relationship:** The Physician agrees to delegate work to the Physician’s Assistant and supervise that work. The Physician’s Assistant agrees to such supervision, oversight, and direction.
2. **Physician Supervision:** Physician agrees to provide adequate oversight, and direction over the Physician Assistant’s services performed on behalf of the physician including, but not limited to:
	1. continuous availability of direct communication either in person, by radio, telephone or other means;
	2. active and continuing overview of the Physician’s Assistant's activities to ensure that Physician's directions are being implemented and to support the Physician’s Assistant in the performance of his/her services;
	3. personal review by the Physician of the Physician’s Assistant’s practice to ensure quality patient care;
	4. review of the Physician Assistant’s charts and records to ensure quality patient care;
3. **Alternate Physician:** An appropriate alternate physician will be designated to perform Physician's supervisory duties when the Physician is unavailable to perform such duties.
4. **Limitation on Physician Supervision:** Physician agrees to provide coverage for patients in the Physician’s Assistant's absence.
5. **Delegated Functions:** The Physician’s Assistant shall perform medical functions delegated by the Physician including, but not limited to:
	1. eliciting a complete medical history;
	2. conducting an appropriate physical examination;
	3. ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests; and
	4. devising and implementing a plan of care.
6. **Prescriptive Authority:** The Physician’s Assistant:
	1. may prescribe, administer and renew drug prescriptions, including Schedules II, III, IV or V controlled substances;
	2. shall accurately document all drugs prescribed or administered in the patient's medical record;
	3. shall adhere to the *Rhode Island Guidelines for Prescribing of Controlled Substances* and shall consult the Prescription Monitoring Program Database prior to issuing prescription to the patient.
7. **Evaluation of Physician Assistant:** The Physician shall review and evaluate the Physician’s Assistant on a regular basis. Said review shall:
	1. not be less than once per year;
	2. include the Physician’s Assistant's practice and performance of the delegated functions, based upon a personal review conducted by the Physician;
	3. review of the charts and records of the Physician’s Assistant necessary to ensure quality patient care.
8. **Review of Agreement:** This Agreement shall remain in effect for one year. It may be renewed in writing provided, that the agreement it shall be revised to reflect any changes in the professional relationship between the Physician and the Physician’s Assistant, the Delegated Services or the process for the Physician to evaluate the Physician’s Assistant's performance.

Physician Name:

Physician’s Assistant Name:
Effective Date: