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An act relating to podiatric medicine; amending s. 461.007, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Podiatric Medicine to require a specified number of continuing education hours related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances; creating s. 461.0155, F.S.; providing for governance of podiatric physicians who are supervising medical assistants; amending s. 624.27, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "health care provider" to include podiatric physicians; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 461.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

461.007 Renewal of license.—

(3) The board may by rule prescribe continuing education, not to exceed 40 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of a license, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. The criteria for such programs or courses shall be approved by the board.

Section 2. Section 461.0155, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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26 461.0155 Medical assistants.—A podiatric physician who is
 27 supervising a medical assistant shall be governed by s.
 28 458.3485.

29 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 30 624.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31 624.27 Direct health care agreements; exemption from
 32 code.—

33 (1) As used in this section, the term:

34 (b) "Health care provider" means a health care provider
 35 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter
 36 461, chapter 464, or chapter 466, or a health care group
 37 practice, who provides health care services to patients.

38 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.