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Proposed law provides that the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) may license an individual to practice medicine as an assistant physician if the individual is not currently enrolled in an accredited graduate medical education training program and is either a resident of Louisiana who has graduated from an accredited medical school or a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien who has graduated from an accredited Louisiana medical school.

Proposed law provides for the qualifications for licensure as an assistant physician. Further provides for the renewal of an assistant physician's license.

Proposed law provides that an assistant physician shall only practice medicine in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement with a physician licensed by the LSBME. Further provides for the required content of a collaborative practice agreement, including prescriptive authority delegated to the assistant physician.

Proposed law provides authority for the LSBME to issue a license to independently practice medicine to an individual who has practiced as a licensed assistant physician to the board's satisfaction for not less than 60 months.

Proposed law provides that, after January 1, 2023, covered healthcare services that are within an assistant physician's lawful scope of practice shall be reimbursed, whether the services are performed by a physician or an assistant physician. Further provides that the reimbursement to an assistant physician shall not be less than the reasonable and customary amount of reimbursement which a licensed physician receives for an intermediate office visit or a primary care physician receives for the same services.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:1271(A), 1274, and 1285(A)(intro para); adds R.S. 22:1021.1 and R.S. 37:1310.11-1310.15)