

ATTENTION PHYSICIANS

Are you interested in serving as a monitoring physician (supervisor) for a physician on probation or under supervised practice? If the answer is yes, read on . . .

Rule 64B8-13.005, Florida Administrative Code, grants **CME credit to monitoring physicians:**

* 6 hours CME credit for serving as a monitor for a physician under direct supervision

Direct supervision requires that the supervisor and Respondent work in the same office. The supervisor shall be board-certified in the Respondent's specialty area.

* 3 hours CME credit for serving as a monitor for a physician under indirect supervision

Indirect supervision does not require that the monitor practice on the same premises as the Respondent. However, the monitor shall practice within a reasonable geographic proximity to Respondent, which shall be within 20 miles and shall be readily available for consultation. The monitor shall be board-certified in the Respondent's specialty area.

Requirements of the monitoring physicians:

- active license without limitations or restrictions, previous disciplinary action, or currently under investigation by the Department of Health
- no conflicts of interest or relatives
- qualified by training and experience
- Board certified (in some instances)

Responsibilities of monitoring physicians:

- review charts
- serve as consultant
- prepare reports
- appear before the Probation Committee as requested
- other functions as directed by the Board

Process:

Generally a physician that is required to practice under supervision will approach another physician and ask him/her to serve as a monitoring physician. If the monitoring physician accepts, he/she will then be required to submit his/her CV for approval by the Probation Committee Chair. Once approved, the monitoring physician and the physician being supervised must appear before the Probation Committee for final approval.