

## **Legislative Update: 2007 Supervision Bill Introduced**

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On January 18, 2007, Missouri state Representative David Sater, along with 16 bipartisan co-sponsors, introduced HB 497, MAPA's bill to revise the state's supervision laws. The bill would require physicians to be on-site for 55% of the time that PAs practice unless one of two exceptions applies. 1) A PA could make follow-up visits in a hospital, nursing home, patient home, or correctional facility without the physician's presence or 2) when PAs practice in federally funded clinics, including community health centers and rural health clinics; hospitals; nursing homes or other long-term care facilities; correctional facilities; clinics established for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; dialysis centers; schools or student health centers; or migrant health facilities, then the physician would be required to be present 10% of the time.

The bill further requires that the physician must remain within 30 miles of where a PA practices, except when the PA is practicing at one of the 10% on-site supervision settings, the physician must remain within 50 miles. Other provisions of the bill mandate a one-month period of continuous on-site supervision before a PA practices off-site, require new PAs to have a master's degree, prohibit employers from requiring physicians to supervise a PA, and require PAs to file their supervision agreements with the Board of Healing Arts.

MAPA will be pulling out all the stops in support of this bill, so expect to hear from us soon letting you know how you can help.

Remember, our bill number is HB 497, sponsored by Representative Sater. Representative Robert Schaaf has also introduced a PA supervision bill, HB 209. This bill would require a supervising physician to be present 80% of the clinic hours where the PA works, with no exceptions. This bill would unnecessarily restrict the practice of many Missouri PAs and is unacceptable to MAPA.