

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
Proposed Language

Proposed changes are shown by underlining for new text and strikethrough for deleted text.

1. Section 1391.5 is amended to read as follows:

**§ 1391.5. Statement of Purpose; Supervision Required.**

(a) A psychological assistant shall be under the direction and supervision of a licensed psychologist or board-certified psychiatrist who is employed in the same setting in which the psychological assistant is employed. A licensed psychologist who is supervising psychological assistants must comply with the supervision course requirements set forth in section 1387.1.

(b) The supervisor shall provide a minimum of one (1) hour per week of individual supervision to the psychological assistant, unless more such supervision is required under Section 1387 or by the nature of the psychological functions performed by the psychological assistant.

(c) A registered psychological assistant employed by one of the organizations specified in section 2913 of the code may receive delegated supervision pursuant to section 1387(c) from a qualified psychologist or a board certified psychiatrist other than the supervisor to whom he/she is registered if the delegated supervisor is also employed within the same organization. ~~Otherwise, supervision may not be delegated under a psychological assistant registration.~~

(d) Except as provided in subsection (c), supervision may not be delegated under a psychological assistant registration. Interim supervision by a person other than the primary supervisor may be provided by a person who meets the requirements of section 1387.1, provided that such interim supervision is as described in the supervision plan pursuant to section 1391.6.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2913, Business and Professions Code.

2. section 1391.6 is amended to read as follows:

**§ 1391.6. Supervisor's Responsibility.**

(a) Every supervisor of a psychological assistant shall be responsible for supervising the psychological functions performed by the psychological assistant and ensuring that the extent, kind and quality of the psychological functions performed by the assistant are consistent with the supervisor's training and experience, and that the assistant complies with the provisions of the code, the board's regulations, and the standards established by the American Psychological Association.

(b) The supervisor shall inform each client or patient prior to the rendering of services by the psychological assistant that the assistant is unlicensed and is under the direction and supervision of the supervisor as an employee and that the supervisor shall have access to the patient's chart in fulfilling his/her supervision duties.

(c) The supervisor shall be available to the assistant 100% of the time the assistant is performing psychological functions. The availability can be in-person, by telephone, by pager or by other appropriate technology.

(d) The supervisor shall ensure that a plan is in place to protect the patient or client in the event a patient/client crisis or emergency occurs during any time the supervisor is not physically present at the established site at which the supervisee is working. The supervisor shall ensure that the supervisee thoroughly understands the plan in the event a patient crisis or emergency occurs.

(e) The supervisor may, if included in the supervision plan, provide for interim supervision by a person who meets the qualification of a primary supervisor under section 1387.1, for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive calendar days, in the event that the supervisor is unavailable. Interim supervision that is expected to continue for more than 30 consecutive calendar days requires a new psychological assistant registration under section 1391.1.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2913, Business and Professions Code.