

Floor Amendment to SB 285

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

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3 10 New Section; Physician Associates; Applicability of Name Change. Amend RSA 328:D by
4 inserting after section 18 the following new section:

5 328-D:19 Effect of Name Change From Physician Assistant to Physician Associate.

6 I. As of the effective date of this section, the title of "physician assistant" in New Hampshire
7 is changed to "physician associate." This change is not intended to change any rights or privileges of
8 those who have been or continue to hold themselves out to be a "physician assistant" and anywhere
9 in the law that says, "physician associate" shall also mean "physician assistant."

10 II. This name change shall not alter, affect, or impact any billing, reimbursement, or
11 payment policies currently in place for physician assistants. All billing practices, insurance
12 reimbursement policies, and agreements that apply to physician assistants shall continue to apply in
13 the same manner to physician associates. No insurer shall deny reimbursement for services
14 rendered by a physician associate solely as a result of this name change.

15 III. No regulatory changes shall be made solely as a result of this name change that would
16 modify the scope of practice or any other professional obligations currently applicable to physician
17 assistants.