WAC 246-854-015  Use and supervision of an osteopathic physician assistant. (1) Unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of this section reference to "osteopathic physician assistant" means an osteopathic physician assistant or interim permit holder.

(2) A licensed osteopathic physician assistant may not practice until the board approves a delegation agreement jointly submitted by the osteopathic physician assistant and sponsoring physician or physician group under whose supervision the osteopathic physician assistant will practice.

(3) An osteopathic physician may enter into delegation agreements with up to five physician assistants, but may petition the board for a waiver of this limit. However, no osteopathic physician may have under his or her supervision:
   (a) More than three physician assistants who are working in remote sites as provided in WAC 246-854-025; or
   (b) More physician assistants than the osteopathic physician can adequately supervise. The board may consider petitions to supervise more than five osteopathic physician assistants based on the individual qualifications and experience of the osteopathic physician and osteopathic physician assistant, community need, and review mechanisms identified in the proposed delegation agreement.

(4) The osteopathic physician assistant shall practice only in the locations designated in the delegation agreement.

(5) The osteopathic physician assistant and supervising osteopathic physician shall ensure that the supervising osteopathic physician provides adequate supervision and review of the osteopathic physician assistant's practice.

(6) An osteopathic physician assistant must clearly identify himself or herself as an osteopathic physician assistant and must appropriately display on his or her person identification as an osteopathic physician assistant.

(7) An osteopathic physician assistant must not present himself or herself in any manner which would tend to mislead the public as to his or her title.

(8) In the event that an osteopathic physician assistant desires to become sponsored by another osteopathic physician, he or she must submit a new delegation agreement. Board approval of the new relationship is required before the osteopathic physician assistant may begin practice under the new sponsoring physician.