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Dear Fellow Washington Physician Assistants,

Several weeks ago, a letter from the Washington Medical Quality of Assurance Commission (MQAC) regarding practice plans went out to all MDs and PAs in the state. The intent and purpose of this letter raised quite a few questions and caused confusion to MDs and PAs.

To avoid future confusion, WAPA contacted the MQAC chair to clarify the purpose and intent of this letter. After a random audit of fifty PAs, over half were found to be non-compliant with their practice plan. Some common issues were PAs working without a supervising physician listed, a previous supervising physician listed or an incorrect supervising physician listed for a variety of reasons such as a retired supervising physician.

If you have a practice plan on file with your current supervisor, you do not need to do anything. If your practice plan is out of date, you have changed your supervising physician or moved to a new practice, you need to file a new plan.

It is our responsibility to provide this information to the state and maintain it if there is any change. You can email MQAC to find out what your current records show at: Medical.Commission@doh.wa.gov Please include your license number. They will reply to you by email with what they have for you.

I hope this clarifies any confusion. You may call MQAC at (360) 236-2750 if you have any further questions.

Cordially,

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