New Physician Assistant Requirements for Professional Liability Insurance and Health Care Stabilization Fund Coverage

- On January 1, 2015, amendments to the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act go into effect. PAs holding an active license will have to comply with the requirements of the Health Care Stabilization Fund (“Fund”) unless they meet a statutory exception. This means PAs must have the required amount of professional liability insurance and have coverage under the Fund.

- On July 1, 2015, the Physician Assistant Licensure Act (“PA Act”) amendments will go into effect making it a condition of active licensure to have professional liability insurance and coverage under the Fund.

- The PA Act amendments going into effect July 1, 2015, will also repeal the federally active license designation for PAs. Until July 1, 2015, PAs may keep this designation.

- There will be a 6-month gap between the effective dates of the amendments to these 2 laws. PAs will not be required to show proof of insurance or Fund compliance in their license renewals this December.

- PAs who only work as charitable health care providers may request a temporary exemption from having liability insurance and complying with the Fund while they are only working as a charitable health care provider.

- PAs wishing to seek a temporary exemption should contact the Fund by email at hcsf@hcsf.org or call the Fund (785-291-3777) and ask to speak with someone in the Compliance Section. If approved, the Fund will notify the Board of Healing Arts that an exemption has been granted.

- Our agency cannot answer specific questions about insurance coverage or Fund compliance. PAs should contact the Fund, their professional association, insurance carrier if they have questions.