

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 2190	House Committee:	PASSED 1/29/26 (17-0)
Committee:	Health & Human Services	House Floor:	PASSED 3/9/26 (90-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Steve Bradley	Senate Floor:	PASSED 3/3/26 (37-7)
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Physician Associate

- This bill revises the professional title of a physician assistant to a physician associate.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 147.74)

Revises the professional titles or abbreviations code section to call a PA a “physician associate” rather than “physician assistant”.

Section 2 – Physician Assistant Title Change

Directs Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code to change all references of “physician assistant” to “physician associate”.

Requires entities employing, coordinating treatment with, following orders from, training, educating, or contracting with a person licensed as a PA to continue the relationship with the title change.

Clarifies that there is no scope expansion based on the title change.

Requires each agency to update any documents or forms with the title change in the most cost-effective manner by January 1, 2027.

Section 3 – Code Editor Directive

Requires the code editor to update the title in over 140 code sections where physician assistant is listed.

Section 4 – Amendments to Administrative Rules

Allows agencies to submit amendments to administrative rules for the administrative code editor to update based on the title change.