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### 2025 Wisconsin Act 18 [2025 Senate Bill 31]

### Physician Assistant and Advanced Practice Nurse State Agency Status

## BACKGROUND

Prior law provided that a physician who is not employed by a local health department but who provides services without compensation for the programs and services provided by a local health department that require medical oversight is, for the provision of those services, a state agent of the Department of Health Services (DHS) for certain legal purposes and liability protections.

Prior law also provided that a physician who is not employed by a school district or local health department, but who supervises a school district or a local health department immunization program or issues immunization orders in accordance with DHS written protocols for the school district or local health department, is considered a state agent of DHS for certain legal purposes and liability protections.

## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT 18

2025 Wisconsin Act 18 provides that, in addition to a physician, a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber may provide services that require medical oversight for a local health department and supervise a local immunization program with state agency status.

**Effective date:** August 10, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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