

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3E-17

## **§30-3E-17. Complaint process.**

(a) All hearings and procedures related to denial of a license, and all complaints, investigations, hearings, and procedures regarding a physician assistant license and the discipline accorded thereto, shall be in accordance with the processes and procedures set forth in either §30-3-1 *et seq.* or §30-14-1 *et seq.* of this code, depending on which board licenses the physician assistant.

(b) The boards may impose the same discipline, restrictions, and/or limitations upon the license of a physician assistant as they are authorized to impose upon physicians and/or podiatrists.

(c) The boards shall direct to the appropriate licensing board a complaint against a physician assistant and/or a collaborating physician.

(d) In the event that independent complaint processes are warranted by the boards with respect to the professional conduct of a physician assistant or a collaborating physician, the boards are authorized to work cooperatively and to disclose to one another information which may assist the recipient appropriate licensing board in its disciplinary process. The determination of what information, if any, to disclose shall be at the discretion of the disclosing board.

(e) A physician assistant licensed under this article may not be disciplined for providing expedited partner therapy in accordance with §16-4F-1 *et seq.* of this code.