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**BREAKING NEWS: NEW LAWS ENACTED GOVERNING  
PHYSICIANS WITH MULTIPLE OFFICES AND PHYSICIAN'S  
ASSISTANTS**

Dear Healthcare Providers:

On August 2, 2012, Governor Jack Markell signed legislation that will change physician practices with multiple offices and also the regulation of physician's assistants.

If a physician has multiple offices, a physician member of the practice must visit each office at least once per month to ensure that office is managed properly and that the patient care is appropriate.

With regard to physician's assistants, the supervising physician must exercise control and direction of the services, as well as the

duties of the physician's assistant, and must be available for consultation with the physician's assistant at the time of the patient consultation, if necessary. Supervising physicians must specifically identify the scope of services of the assistant and may delegate medical tasks appropriate only to the assistant's level of competence. A process for evaluation of the assistant's performance must be established. A written agreement must be signed which provides for the above rights and duties of each party. If the supervising physician is not present during the physician assistant's patient treatment visits, he or she must be available for immediate feedback. This could include telecommunication, chart review or other means of communications or oversight appropriate to the care setting. The supervision plan must be detailed and put in writing.

If you would like to see a copy of the legislation, please e-mail [BethPanaccione@dplaw.com](mailto:BethPanaccione@dplaw.com) a copy will be forwarded to you.

If you have any questions about this legislation update, or as always, if you have any questions pertaining to workers' compensation or automobile insurances, please feel free to contact me at [EricDorsohow@dplaw.com](mailto:EricDorsohow@dplaw.com) or by phone: 302-998-0100.

Sincerely,

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**WIN PHILLIES TICKETS! The contest is still going! Our office will be sponsoring a drawing for a pair of Phillies vs. Miama Marlins tickets. The game is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Only the employees and staff of healthcare providers are eligible to participate. To enter for your chance to win, please visit <http://www.dplaw.com/phillies.html> and fill out the form under the "Phillies Tickets Drawing" link. The lucky winner will be notified by phone or e-mail.**

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