

1 **OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**
2 **Addendum Report of the Public Affairs Liaison**
3 **General Assembly, Annual Conference**
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5 **Period ending April 2021**
6 **Zoom Meeting**
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8 The responsibility of this committee is to field and answer questions from the general public and
9 medical community including managers, physicians, medical assistants, and other public entities.
10 Questions that are of a legal matter are forwarded to CEO and Legal Counsel of the American
11 Association of Medical Assistants. The Public Affairs Team was developed in 2009 and accepted
12 by the OSMA House of Delegates in 2010. The vision for this Team is to have one person who
13 can tend to the numerous inquiries, questions, and concerns as it relates the profession of medical
14 assisting and the CMA (AAMA) credential.
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16 The duties are as follows:
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- 18 • Provides the public voice of OSMA.
- 19 • Responds to both written and oral inquiries regarding Scope of Practice; Right to
20 Practice; exam eligibility; and much more.
- 21 • Team may accomplish this task by providing information via mail, email, or in-person.
- 22 • Team defers questions that need further explanation or of legal matter to CEO/Legal
23 Counsel of AAMA, depending upon the nature of the question.
- 24 • Provides a quarterly report to the OSMA Board regarding activities.
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26 Since writing the annual report for the Public Affairs Liaison, Chair has received approximately
27 ten (10) additional emails. The top two topics are as follows:
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- 29 • Oregon Health Authority requesting a Oregon scope of practice for medical assistant who
30 may be administering the COVID vaccine. The question had to do with nurses giving
31 non-licensed personnel direction. Chair provided information but included AAMA CEO
32 and Legal Counsel in the email. Legal Counsel agreed with Chair's information but
33 added the legal portion regarding direction from nurses.
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- 35 • What is the scope of practice for a student medical assistant? Chair referred the question
36 to AAMA CEO and Legal Counsel. Write of the question was satisfied with the answer
37 from AAMA CEO and Legal Counsel.
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39 All correspondence has been handled in a timely manner and deadlines have been met. Chair
40 has also attended all required meetings.
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42 Chair would like to thank President Miller and the executive Board for allowing her to serve with
43 this organization in this capacity for so long.
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45 Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)
46 Chair, 2018 - 2021