

311.851 Physical or mental examination may be required.

- (1) When a hearing or inquiry panel, as described in KRS 311.591, has probable cause to believe a physician assistant is suffering from a physical or mental condition that might impede his or her ability to practice competently, the panel, upon consideration of recommendations of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee established in KRS 311.842, may order the physician assistant to undergo a physical or mental examination by a person designated by the panel.
- (2) Failure of a physician assistant to submit to such an examination when directed, unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond his or her control, shall constitute an admission that the concerned physician assistant has developed such a physical or mental disability, or other condition, that continued practice is dangerous to patients or to the public; said failure shall constitute a default and a final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence.
- (3) A physician assistant whose license has been suspended, limited, restricted, or revoked under this section and KRS 311.850, shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that he or she can resume the competent practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

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