

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-6.04
Rule Title: Standards of Nursing Practice - Practice of Professional Nursing (Registered Nurse)
New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer  Peggy Sellers Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC

Date May 18, 2018

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

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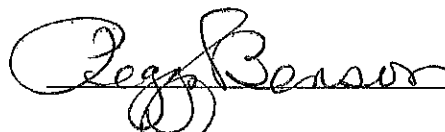
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to standards of practice.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, 610-X-6-.04 Standards of Nursing Practice - Practice of Professional Nursing (Registered Nurse), to align rules to current practice. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or verbal comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

(1) The practice of professional nursing includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Care and counseling of patients.
- (b) Provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being.
- (c) Exercise of appropriate nursing judgment.
- (d) Promotion of health and prevention of illness and injury.
- (e) Conducting and documenting comprehensive and focused assessments, to include the evaluations of patient care.
- (f) Documentation of nursing interventions and responses to care in an accurate, timely, thorough, and clear manner.
- (g) Executing medical regimens according to approved medical protocols and standing orders, including administering medications and treatments prescribed by a legally authorized prescriber.

(2) Competence in the practice of nursing by a registered nurse shall include, but is not limited to:

- (a) Knowledge and compliance with:
 - (i) Applicable statutes and regulations.
 - (ii) Standards of nursing practice.
 - (iii) Standardized procedures for nursing practice, including but not limited to facility policies and procedures.
- (b) Maintenance of knowledge and skills in the area of practice.
- (c) Assumption of responsibility for recognizing personal limits of knowledge and experience.

(d) Consulting with or referring patients to other healthcare providers to resolve situations beyond the expertise of the registered nurse.

(3) The scope of an individual registered nurse's level of practice includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Educational preparation, initial and continued.

(b) License status, including Board approval for advanced practice nursing as detailed in Chapters 610-X-5 and 610-X-9 of these rules.

(c) State and federal statutes and regulations.

(d) State and national standards appropriate to the type of practice.

(e) Nursing experience.

(f) Limitations on scope, as determined by facility policy and procedure.

(g) Demonstrated competence.

(h) Knowledge, skills, and ability to manage risks and potential complications.

(4) Practice as an advanced practice nurse requires educational preparation, appropriate certification, and approval to practice, as outlined in Chapters 610-X-5 and 610-X-9 of these rules. Requests for approval of procedures for certified registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives shall comply with the requirements of the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-21-1(3)(a), 34-21-2(a)(21), 34-21-85.

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Filed October 29, 2001; effective December 3, 2001. **Repealed and**

New Rule: Filed November 23, 2009; effective December 28, 2009.

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September 8, 2016. **Amended:** Filed May 18, 2018

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