

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-6-09
Rule Title: Assessment Standards
 New ✓ 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 October 2, 2018

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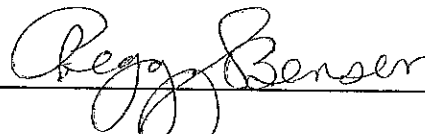
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to standards of practice.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend ABN Administrative Code, 610-X-6-.09, to allow licensed practical nurses to perform assessments of patients prior to discharge. 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 Wednesday, December 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 Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

Assessment Standards.

(1) Patient assessment shall be provided in accordance with the definitions of professional nursing and practical nursing, as defined in the Alabama Nurse Practice Act, Section 34-21-1.

(2) The registered nurse shall conduct and document comprehensive and focused nursing assessments of the health status of patients by:

(a) Collecting objective and subjective data from observations, physical examinations, interviews, and written records in an accurate and timely manner, as appropriate to the patient's health care needs.

(b) Analysis and reporting of data collected.

(c) Developing a plan of care based upon the patient assessment.

(d) Modifying the plan of care based upon the evaluation of patient responses to the plan of care, including:

(i) Anticipating and recognizing changes or potential changes in patient status.

(ii) Identifying signs and symptoms of deviation from current health status.

(iii) Implementing changes in interventions.

(3) The licensed practical nurse shall conduct and document focused nursing assessments of the health status of patients by:

(a) Collecting objective and subjective data from observations, nursing examinations, interviews, and written records in an accurate and timely manner, as appropriate to the patient's health care needs.

(b) Distinguishing abnormal from normal data.

(c) Recording and reporting the data.

(d) Anticipating and recognizing changes or potential changes in patient status; identifying signs and symptoms of deviation from current health status.

(e) Reporting findings of the focused nursing assessment to the registered nurse, licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, or dentist.

(f) Implementing the plan of care.

(g) Modifying the plan of care following implementation, based upon the evaluation of patient responses to the plan of care, consistent with state and federal regulations.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-1(3)(b), 34-21-2(a)(21), 34-21-2(c)(6).

History: New Rule: Filed March 20, 2003; effective April 24, 2003. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed November 23, 2009; effective December 28, 2009. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed July 25, 2016; effective September 8, 2016.