

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing  
Rule NO. 610-X-7-.12 Nursing Student/Graduate Aides.  
Rule Title: 610-X-7-.12 Nursing Student/Graduate Aides.  
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

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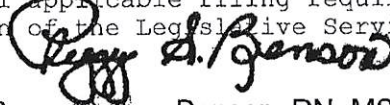
Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

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.

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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 September 17, 2021

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

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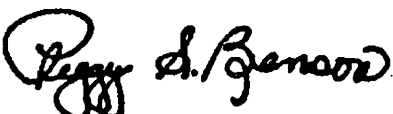
**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 610-X-7-.12 Nursing Student/Graduate Aides.

**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to delegation of nursing tasks.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-7-.12, to allow registered nursing graduate aides to place peripheral intravenous catheters. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or verbal comments will be accepted until Thursday, November 4, 2021. 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](mailto: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, November 4, 2021.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:**   
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Peggy Benson, Executive Officer  
Executive Officer

**610-X-7-.12 Nursing Student/Graduate Aides.**

(1) A licensed nurse may delegate selected nursing activities supportive to licensed nurses to nursing students currently enrolled in approved schools of nursing, or to graduates of approved schools of nursing who have not achieved licensure as nurses, and employed as nursing aides in licensed healthcare facilities who have successfully completed coursework in pharmacology, medication administration and fundamentals; provided that:

(a) The licensed healthcare facility at which the nursing student/graduate aide is performing the selected delegated nursing activities has authorized the delegation.

(b) The nursing student/graduate aide's competency to perform the selected delegated nursing activities to be delegated shall be assessed and documented prior to delegation.

(c) The licensed nurse may suspend or withdraw delegation to the nursing student/graduate aide at any time.

(d) Nursing activities which may be delegated to the nursing student/graduate aide include:

1. Obtaining vital signs, glucometer, and pulse oximetry readings
2. Assisting patients with feeding
3. Dressing changes limited to the application of simple bandaging (e.g. steri-strips), wet-to-dry, and/or sterile dressing change
4. Maintenance of ostomies (e.g. colostomy and urostomy) to include measuring and application of wafer board
5. Restorative care to include ambulation with gait belt, walker, crutches, and/or wheelchair
6. Restorative care to include active and passive range-of-motion (ROM) exercises and contracture care
7. Peripheral Venous Phlebotomy for laboratory analysis
8. Application of oxygen via nasal cannula

9. Insertion/Removal of Foley Catheter, to exclude suprapubic catheterization

10. Initiation and discontinuation of nebulizer treatments to EXCLUDE racemic epinephrine administration

11. Administration of routine screening tests/immunizations (e.g. flu and TB)

12. Removal of intravenous catheter

13. Documentation of all procedures and/or medications administered in the licensed healthcare facility's electronic medical records platform and paper records

14. Administration of routine medications. Routine medications may not be administered through the following routes of administration:

- (i) Gastric
- (ii) Nasogastric
- (iii) Intravenous

(e) Nursing student/graduate aides shall not be delegated the following nursing activities:

1. Administration of PRN narcotic or controlled medications

2. Suction of and/or replacement of tracheostomy

3. Accessing feeding tubes (G or J-tubes)

4. Placement of any form of intravenous catheter, except as provided in subsection (f) of this rule

5. Accessing any intravenous catheter for initiation or therapies

6. Administration of blood or blood products

(f) Any individual who has completed an approved registered nursing education program, has not yet achieved licensure as a registered nurse, and is employed in an unlicensed capacity in a licensed healthcare facility as a nursing graduate aide/extern may perform placement of peripheral intravenous catheters.

(~~f~~-g) As used in this rule, a nursing student/graduate aide shall be defined as an individual who is currently enrolled in an approved nursing education program or a graduate of an approved school of nursing who has not achieved licensure as a nurse and is employed in an unlicensed capacity in a licensed healthcare facility.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-24.

**History: New Rule:** Published September 30, 2020; effective November 14, 2020.