

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

BOARD OF NURSING

Rule No.: N 8.10

Relating to: Collaboration with Dentists

Rule Type: Both Permanent and Emergency

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

Advanced practice nurse prescribers, who work in dental practice settings, are encountering barriers to working in those practices due to the requirement that advanced practice nurse prescribers are to work collaboratively with a physician. Most dental practices do not have physicians on staff. This rule is necessary for the preservation of the health and welfare of the public by increasing health care access by allowing advanced practice nurse prescribers to collaborate with a dentist when working in a dental setting.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to amend the rule to require an advanced practice nurse prescriber to work with in a collaborative relationship with a physician or a dentist.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Advanced practice nurse prescribers shall work in collaboration with other health care professions with at least one being a physician. As health care practice evolves, there are advanced practice nurse prescribers working in dental practice settings. These dental practice settings may not have a physician as part of the practice. This proposed rule will require advanced practice nurse prescribers to work in a collaborative relationship with a physician or dentist.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

s. 15.08 (5) (b) Each examining board: shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

s. 441.16 (3) (b) The board shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section, including rules for defining the scope of practice within which an advanced practice nurse may issue prescription orders.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule :

75 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule :

Dentists and advanced practice nurse prescribers

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None to minimal. This rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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