

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

### Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

<b>1. Type of Estimate and Analysis</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	<b>2. Date</b> 02/04/2025								
<b>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable)</b> N 8									
<b>4. Subject</b> Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers									
<b>5. Fund Sources Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	<b>6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected</b> s.20.165(1)(g)								
<b>7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule</b> <table style="width: 100%;"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues</td><td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget</td></tr></table>		<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget	
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<b>9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1).</b> \$0									
<b>10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No									
<b>11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule</b> Chapter N 8 contains provisions for the certification of advanced practice nurse prescribers (APNP), which includes requirements for initial certification and renewal. The Board of Nursing has reviewed and updated ch. N 8 with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarified the provision that an applicant needs to hold a current license to practice as a professional nurse in this state or in another state within the nurse licensure compact.</li><li>• Updated the education requirement language to eliminate obsolete terms and to include a clause that would allow the board to review other recognized organizations besides regional accrediting organizations approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.</li><li>• Repealed the renewal provision that APNPs need to complete the nursing workforce survey because it does not follow statutory guidelines.</li><li>• Simplified the renewal provision regarding holding a current certification by a national certifying body approved by the board as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist.</li><li>• Addition of the requirement that an APNP needs to hold a current license to practice professional nursing whether in this state or in a compact state in order to renew the certification. This was already a requirement but it was not explicitly mentioned under the renewal provisions.</li></ul>									
<b>12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments.</b> The proposed rules will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.									
<b>13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA.</b> None.									

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14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

DSPS estimates a total of \$4255.00 in one-time staffing costs to implement the rule. The estimated need for 0.1 limited term employee (LTE) is for rule drafting, legal review, training, updating forms and website. The estimated costs may not be absorbed in the currently appropriated budget.

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15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The benefit of implementing this rule is that advanced practice nurse prescribers will have more clarity about the requirements for certification and education.

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16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implications of implementing this rule are improved practice standards for nurses in Wisconsin and better overall patient care. The alternative would be to not revise the code, which would create confusion and a lack of clarity for stakeholders.

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17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None.

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18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois:

The Illinois Nurse Practice Act establishes licenses for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for individuals who have met the certification requirements to practice as a nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, and clinical nurse specialist. [225 ILCS 65/50-10]

The Act also establishes the requirements needed to obtain an APRN license, which include that the applicant holds a current license to practice as a registered professional nurse in Illinois and has obtained a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical advanced practice registered nursing specialty. [225 ILCS 65/65-5]

Iowa:

Iowa issues licenses as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP) to individuals who hold an active unrestricted license as a registered nurse and has graduated from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational programs in one of the following roles: 1) nurse-midwife; 2) nurse anesthetist; 3) nurse practitioner; or 4) clinical nurse specialist. Iowa provides an exception as a way to grandfather ARNPs who completed educational programs before the board require graduation from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational program. This exception allows applicants to obtain an ARPN license if they hold a current certification issued by a national professional certification organization as a nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist if the certification focuses on women's health or gender related, family (individual across the lifespan), psychiatric mental health, adult/gerontology, pediatrics, or neonatal. [655 IAC 7.2 (152)]

Michigan:

Michigan has a nurse practitioner specialty certification that allows registered nurses to prescribe pharmacological and nonpharmacological interventions and treatments within the scope of their practice. [MI Admin. Code R 338.10401]

In order to obtain a nurse practitioner specialty certification, individuals have to hold a current and valid license to practice nursing in Michigan and possess an advanced practice certification from one of the following organizations:

- 1) The American Nurses Credentialing Center.
  - 2) The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.
  - 3) The National Certification Corporation for Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.
  - 4) The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners for Emergency Nurse Practitioners, Family Nurse Practitioners, and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners.
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- 5) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.
- 6) The American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation for Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.  
[MI Admin. Code R 338.10404b]

#### **Minnesota:**

The Minnesota Nurse Practice Act establishes licenses for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to individuals licensed as APRN by the board and certified by a national nurse certification organization to practice as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner. [MN Statutes s. 148.171 Subd. 3.]

Applicants who are looking to obtain an APRN license must have completed a graduate level APRN program accredited by a nursing or nursing-related accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as acceptable to the board. The education must be in one of the four APRN roles for at least one population focus. [MN Statutes s. 148.211 Subd. 1a.]

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- ☐ Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements  
☐ Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting  
☐ Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements  
☐ Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards  
☐ Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements  
☐ Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

☐ Yes    ☐ No

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