

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

LCB File No. R070-00

Effective June 20, 2000

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 632.120.

Section 1. NAC 632.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.220 1. A registered nurse shall perform or supervise:

(a) The verification of an order given for the care of a patient to ensure that it is appropriate and properly authorized and that there are no documented contraindications in carrying out the order;

(b) Any act necessary to understand the purpose and effect of medications and treatments and to ensure the competence of the person to whom the administration of medications is delegated; and

(c) The initiation of intravenous therapy and the administration of intravenous medication.

2. A registered nurse shall take orders only from a licensed physician, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of nursing. A registered nurse may refuse an order if he takes appropriate action to ensure the safety of a patient.

3. If a prescription specifies a range of the dosage or frequency for the administration of a medication, a registered nurse may adjust the dosage or frequency of the medication within that range when he administers the medication to a patient.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

On May 18, 2000, the Nevada State Board of Nursing adopted the regulation amendment contained within LCB File No. R070-00. The informational sheet and filing sheet are enclosed.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

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AS A RESULT OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO LCB FILE NO. R070-00

Public comment was solicited at the May 18, 2000 regular Board of Nursing meeting, a public workshop held in Las Vegas on April 19, 2000 and a public workshop in Reno on April 17, 2000. The proposed amendment was noticed to the Board's customary posting places, all interested parties on the Board's agenda mailing list, 17 county libraries, and the Reno Gazette Journal and the Las Vegas Sun newspapers. There was no opposition expressed. Written testimony was received by two people and four people testified in favor of the amendment.

Health care organizations that have nurses administer medications would be affected. One health care system testified in favor of the amendment. There will be a beneficial effect to consumers of nursing services as they will receive accurate doses of prescribed medications based on need. The beneficial effect will be both immediate and long term.

The Board of Nursing does not anticipate an increase in cost for enforcement of the adopted regulation. There is no duplication or overlap with any other local, state, or federal agencies.

The amendment does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A copy of testimony or summaries may be obtained by contacting the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 260, Reno, Nevada, 89502, (775) 688-2620.

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