

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 632.120.

Section 1. NAC 632.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.242 1. A licensed practical nurse may collect data and perform a skill, intervention or other duty in addition to those taught in an educational program for practical nurses if:

(a) ~~He has at least 1,500 hours of clinical experience in nursing after receiving his license.~~

~~(b)~~ The collection of data or performance of the additional skill, intervention or other duty is within the authorized scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse in this state.

~~(c)~~ (b) In collecting data and performing the additional skill, intervention or other duty, he follows the applicable written procedures and policies approved by the medical staff, the nursing administration and the administration of the employing agency.

~~(d)~~ (c) Before collecting data or performing the skill, intervention or other duty, he submits to his employer proof that he:

(1) Has completed a comprehensive program of study and supervised clinical practice which was approved by the Board on or after January 1, 1986;

(2) Has completed a comprehensive program of study and supervised clinical practice from another state; or

(3) Has acquired the additional knowledge, skill and ability.

2. The licensed practical nurse and his employer shall each maintain evidence of:

(a) The original documentation and demonstration of the acquired knowledge, skill and ability; and

(b) Annual verification of the nurse's continued competency regarding that knowledge, skill and ability through annual recertification or records of annual evaluations documenting satisfactory repeated performances of the knowledge, skill and ability in the nurse's area of practice.

3. For the purposes of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a) of subsection 1, collection of data and a skill, intervention or other duty is within the authorized scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse if it has been described as being performed by a licensed practical nurse in two or more national nursing publications, national nursing practice guidelines or national standards for nursing practice, or any combination thereof, which:

(a) Are listed in the annual *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature* that was most recently approved by the Board; or

(b) Have been individually approved by the Board.

Sec. 2. NAC 632.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.450 *1.* A licensed practical nurse ~~[who has at least 1 year of experience in nursing after receiving his initial license,]~~ who has completed a course in intravenous therapy approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 632.242 ~~(1)~~ and who acts pursuant to a written order of a physician and under the immediate supervision of a physician, physician assistant or registered nurse may:

~~(1)~~ (a) Start peripheral intravenous therapy using devices which act like needles and are not longer than 3 inches;

~~[2.]~~ (b) Introduce one or more solutions of electrolytes, nutrients or vitamins;

~~[3.]~~ (c) Piggyback solutions of electrolytes, nutrients and vitamins;

~~[4. Administer antibiotics or histamine H2 receptor antagonists]~~

(d) *Administer any of the following medications* by adding a solution by piggyback ~~;~~

~~—5.]~~:

(1) *Antibiotics;*

(2) *Steroids; and*

(3) *Histamine H2 receptor antagonists;*

(e) Administer fluid from a container which is properly labeled and contains antibiotics or histamine H2 receptor antagonists that were added by a pharmacist or a registered nurse designated by the pharmacist;

~~[6.]~~ (f) Flush locks ~~[with normal saline or dextrose 5 percent in water;~~

~~—7.]~~;

(g) Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 8.]~~ *paragraph (h)*, administer fluid by continuous or intermittent infusion through a peripheral device which uses a mechanism to control the flow;

~~[8.]~~ (h) Administer fluid to a patient with a temporary central venous catheter by continuous or intermittent infusion through a peripheral device which uses an electronic mechanism to control the flow;

~~[9.]~~ (i) Discontinue peripheral intravenous catheters which are not longer than 3 inches; and

~~[10.]~~ (j) Change a central venous catheter dressing.

2. *In addition to the procedures set forth in subsection 1, a licensed practical nurse who has completed a course in intravenous therapy approved by the Board pursuant to NAC*

632.242 and who acts pursuant to a written order of a physician and under the direct supervision of a registered nurse may assist the registered nurse in the intravenous administration of blood and blood products by collecting data and performing simple nursing tasks related to that administration of blood or blood products.

Sec. 3. NAC 632.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.455 A licensed practical nurse may not administer intravenously:

1. Any drug other than an antibiotic or histamine H2 receptor antagonist;
2. Any drug which is under investigation by the United States Food and Drug

Administration, is an experimental drug or is being used in an experimental method;

3. Any antineoplastic medications;
4. Colloid therapy, including hyperalimentation ~~[, blood and blood products;]~~ ; *or*
5. Any medication administered by intravenous push.