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Bill Analysis

SB 839 modifies the definition of “licensed practitioner” to include Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The measure expands authorization to order a prescription to include physician assistants, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Nurse Practitioners under the supervision of a licensed physician. A Certified Nurse Practitioner who obtains a waiver from physician supervision via the Oklahoma Board of Nursing may order prescriptions. The use of telecommunications or other electronic means to provide supervision as part of a mentorship is prohibited. The Formulary Advisory Council is repealed by the measure.

In the Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners Act, the measure requires an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to possess clinical experience as well as be educationally prepared to assume responsibility and accountability for health maintenance and the assessment, diagnosis and management of patient problems in addition to current requirements. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse is authorized to prescribe nonpharmacological interventions. The measure states that a nurse must recognize the limits and scope Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's expertise. The measure also specifies that an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse must receive certification from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The definition of Nurse-Midwife is modified to include a broader range of primary health care services related to women and treating the male partner of female patients for sexually transmitted infection and reproductive health. Nurse-Midwives must be an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses or his or her employer must carry \$1 million and \$3 million of malpractice insurance respectively.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may apply for a waiver from physician supervision if they have been licensed in the State as of November 1, 2020 and possess seven years of experience or completed a mentorship program.

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