

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 977

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the practice of nursing; providing for independent prescriptive authority of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who meet certain requirements; stating application criteria; specifying duration of authority; imposing certain restrictions on practice setting or patient population of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with independent prescriptive authority; authorizing supervision by Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with independent prescriptive authority who meets certain requirements; authorizing Oklahoma Board of Nursing to prescribe additional qualifications; providing for application approval, denial, reapplication, fees, and independent prescriptive authority revocation; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 567.4c of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as a Certified Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist who holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and who has completed a minimum of two thousand (2,000)

1 hours of practice with prescriptive authority supervised by a
2 physician or a supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse may
3 apply to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for authority to prescribe
4 and order independent of supervision.

5 2. The application for independent prescriptive authority shall
6 include proof that the Certified Nurse Practitioner or Clinical
7 Nurse Specialist:

- 8 a. has satisfied the educational requirements stated in
9 Section 567.5a of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 10 b. holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree,
- 11 c. has successfully passed a national certification
12 examination recognized by the Board that measures the
13 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role and specialty
14 competencies,
- 15 d. holds a valid, current license in the appropriate
16 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role issued by the
17 Board and is in good standing with the Board, and
- 18 e. has completed a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours
19 of practice with prescriptive authority supervised by
20 a physician or supervising Advanced Practice
21 Registered Nurse.

22 3. Independent prescriptive authority granted under this
23 subsection shall be valid until the expiration of the current
24 license to practice and may be renewed upon application to the Board

1 at the same time and for the same period as the renewal of the
2 license to practice.

3 B. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who has obtained
4 independent prescriptive authority under subsection A of this
5 section shall either:

6 1. Practice exclusively in one or more Medically Underserved
7 Areas (MUAs) designated by the Health Resources and Services
8 Administration;

9 2. Provide care exclusively to one or more Medically
10 Underserved Populations (MUPs) designated by the Health Resources
11 and Services Administration; or

12 3. Meet the conditions of both paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of
13 this subsection.

14 C. 1. A Certified Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse
15 Specialist who has obtained independent prescriptive authority under
16 subsection A of this section and who has completed a minimum of
17 eight thousand (8,000) hours of practice with independent
18 prescriptive authority may serve as a supervising Advanced Practice
19 Registered Nurse.

20 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this subsection, an Advanced
21 Practice Registered Nurse who has been licensed and in practice for
22 a minimum of five (5) years as of the effective date of this act
23 without a lapse of work, upon obtainment of independent prescriptive
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1 authority under subsection A of this section, may serve as a
2 supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

3 3. The Board may at its discretion prescribe by rule additional
4 qualifications for supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
5 including, but not limited to, qualifications pertaining to the
6 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role or specialty.

7 D. The Board shall review any application submitted under this
8 section and shall approve or deny the application, stating the
9 reason or reasons for denial, if denied. The Board shall mail the
10 approval or denial letter to the applicant within fourteen (14)
11 calendar days of receipt of the application. If denied, the
12 applicant may reapply using the process prescribed by subsection A
13 of this section.

14 E. The Board may suspend or revoke independent prescriptive
15 authority granted under this section for good cause at any time.

16 F. The Board may establish a fee for the review of initial and
17 renewal applications under the provisions of this section.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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