

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1812

By: Newton

7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to supervision of Advanced Practice
9 Registered Nurses; providing definitions; providing
10 eligibility requirements for physicians; providing
11 limits; providing for exceptions; providing certain
12 responsibilities; providing for disciplinary action;
13 authorizing penalties; providing for codification;
14 and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479 of Title 59, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As used in this section:

20 1. "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or "(APRN)" means a
21 registered nurse who has obtained a license from the Oklahoma Board
22 of Nursing to practice advanced registered nursing;

23 2. "Board" means the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners or
24 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision;

1 3. "Proper physician supervision" means that the supervising
2 physician routinely reviews the prescribing patterns of an Advanced
3 Practice Registered Nurse under his or her supervision and that the
4 supervising physician is available to the Advanced Practice
5 Registered Nurse for consultation in person or by telemedicine
6 within a reasonable timeframe not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours;

7 4. "Supervising physician" means a licensed allopathic or
8 osteopathic physician in good standing who is responsible for
9 supervising and overseeing the prescribing practices of an Advanced
10 Practice Registered Nurse; and

11 5. "Verified complaint" means the formal allegation of at least
12 one violation of statutes or administrative rules against a
13 physician filed by the Board.

14 B. To be eligible to serve as a supervising physician for an
15 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, an allopathic or osteopathic
16 physician shall meet the following criteria:

17 1. Have possession of a full and unrestricted Oklahoma license
18 to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine;

19 2. Have possession of a valid permit to prescribe controlled
20 drugs with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Oklahoma Bureau of
21 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDD); and

22 3. Be fully trained and qualified in the field of the APRN's
23 specialty or in the services and procedures the APRN is to provide.
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1 C. A supervising physician may charge a reasonable fee to the
2 APRN for his or her supervision services, which shall be disclosed
3 in a written agreement. Any fees charged by a supervising physician
4 shall be appropriate based on the actual duties and responsibilities
5 of the supervising physician as outlined in a written agreement.
6 The fees charged shall be a fair market value hourly rate as defined
7 by the respective board biannually. A supervising physician who
8 charges an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse for supervision
9 services and fails to provided proper physician supervision may be
10 subject to discipline by the physician's respective board. This
11 subsection does not relate to or impact any compensation a
12 supervising physician receives from his or her employer or health
13 care entity for supervision services. It only pertains to
14 compensation received directly from the APRN.

15 D. All supervising physicians shall have a written agreement
16 with each APRN he or she supervises. The written agreement shall
17 outline any fees charged for supervision services, the scope of the
18 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's practice and the extent of the
19 supervision required. The physician shall file the written
20 agreement with the respective licensing board.

21 E. A supervising physician shall notify Advanced Practice
22 Registered Nurses under his or her supervision of reasonably
23 anticipated periods of unavailability or incapacity on the part of
24 the supervising physicians. Notice shall be given by the method

1 | agreed to by the supervising physician and the Advanced Practice
2 | Registered Nurse within the written supervision agreement.

3 | F. The supervising physician shall report to the Board and
4 | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse any changes to the supervising
5 | relationship within fourteen (14) days, including the addition or
6 | removal of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or changes to the
7 | practice address, mobile phone numbers, or the scope of prescriptive
8 | authority.

9 | G. The Board shall not charge any fees to supervising
10 | physicians or Advanced Practice Registered Nurses for the
11 | maintenance and tracking of the supervision relationship.

12 | H. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing the
13 | expectations for providing proper supervision to Advanced Practice
14 | Registered Nurses, including:

15 | 1. The charging of reasonable fees to provide supervision
16 | services;

17 | 2. Continuous availability of direct communications either in
18 | person or by electronic communications between the APRN and
19 | supervising physician;

20 | 3. Oversight and acceptance of responsibility for the ordering
21 | and transmission of written, telephonic, electronic, or oral
22 | prescriptions for drugs and other medical supplies, subject to a
23 | defined formulary in Section 567.3a of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
24 | Statutes;

1 4. Regular chart review;

2 5. The delineation of a plan for emergencies; and

3 6. The designation of an alternate physician in the absence of
4 the supervising physician.

5 I. Failure to comply with these rules may result in
6 disciplinary action by the Board.

7 J. The Executive Director of the respective board shall report
8 annually to the Board the number of complaints received in relation
9 to this section of law.

10 K. The Executive Director of the respective board shall create
11 and maintain a list of physicians on the agency's official website
12 who are willing to serve as a supervising physician to an Advanced
13 Practice Registered Nurse licensed in Oklahoma.

14 L. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses employed by or
15 contracted by a hospital, defined pursuant to Section 1-701 of Title
16 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are exempt from this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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