

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : BOARD OF NURSING  
BOARD OF NURSING : ADOPTING RULES  
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 18-050)

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ORDER

An order of the Board of Nursing to amend N 8.10 (2), (5) and (7) relating to advance practice nurse prescribers' collaboration with dentists.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 441.16, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 441.16 (3) (b), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession. [s. 15.08 (5) (b), Stats.]

The board shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section, including rules for defining the scope of practice within which an advanced practice nurse may issue prescription orders. [s. 441.16 (3) (b), Stats.]

**Related statute or rule:** s. 441.16, Stats. and ch. N 8, Wis. Admin. Code

**Plain language analysis:**

Advanced practice nurse prescribers are required to work in collaboration with other health care professionals with at least one being a physician. As health care practice evolves, there are advanced practice nurse prescribers who work in dental practice settings. These dental practice settings may not have a physician as part of the practice. This rule amends the rule to require advanced practice nurse prescribers to work in a collaborative relationship with a physician or dentist.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:** None

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois requires an advanced practical nurse to additionally hold a separate license for the prescribing of controlled substances. In order to obtain a mid-level practitioner controlled substances license, the advance practice nurse is required to provide the license number and controlled substances license number of the of the delegating or collaborating physician or podiatrist and the written notice of

delegation of prescriptive authority signed by the physician or podiatrist including the schedule of controlled substances that the mid-level practitioner may dispense or prescribe.

**Iowa:** Iowa licenses nurses at three levels: licensed practical nurse, registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner. The advanced registered nurse prescriber has a scope of practice which includes prescriptive authority. There is no equivalent certification in Iowa to the Wisconsin advance practice nurse prescriber certificate.

**Michigan:** Michigan licenses nurses at two levels: licensed practical nurse and registered nurse. Michigan has specialty certifications for a nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife and nurse practitioner. There is no equivalent certification in Michigan to the Wisconsin advance practice nurse prescriber certificate.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota licenses nurses at three levels: licensed practical nurse, registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse. The advanced practice registered nurse has a scope of practice which includes prescriptive authority. There is no equivalent certification in Minnesota to the Wisconsin advance practice nurse prescriber certificate.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

Advanced practice nurse prescribers, particularly nurse anesthetists, are working in dental offices that do not employ physicians. This rule recognizes this evolving practice and allows for a collaborative relationship with a dentist.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

This rule was posted for economic comments and none were received. This rule creates an additional option for collaboration.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Daniel.Hereth@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. N 8.10 (2), (5), and (7) are amended to read:

**N 8.10 (2)** Advanced practice nurse prescribers shall facilitate collaboration with other health care professionals, at least 1 of whom shall be a physician, or dentist, through the use of modern communication techniques.

(5) The board shall promote communication and collaboration among advanced practice nurse prescribers, physicians, dentists and other health care professionals.

(7) Advanced practice nurse prescribers shall work in a collaborative relationship with a physician or dentist. The collaborative relationship is a process in which an advanced practice nurse prescriber is working with a physician or dentist in each other's presence when necessary, to deliver health care services within the scope of the practitioner's training, education, and experience. The advanced practice nurse prescriber shall document this relationship.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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