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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing  
Rule No. 610-X-7-.05  
Rule Title Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner  
         New     X     Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *Michael Lee*

Date 12/17/2012

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Nursing  
**RULE NO. & TITLE:** Rule 610-X-7-.05, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules specific to sexual assault nurse examiners to specify education and requirements more specific for pediatric cases.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Rule 610-X-7-.05, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The amendments are based on national standards of care for victims of sexual assault.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2013. Verbal or written comments be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at [Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov](mailto:Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov) or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**  
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.



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Executive Officer

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

RULE 610-X-7-.05

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER

**Rule 610-X-7-.05 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE).**

(1) A registered nurse may practice as a sexual assault nurse examiner with appropriate additional education, including supervised clinical practice and demonstrated clinical competence.

(a) The educational program for a sexual assault nurse examiner shall comply with the education standards of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). The educational program shall follow the content outline contained in IAFN's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines and shall be specific to the population examined by the sexual assault nurse examiner: adult/adolescent or pediatric.

(i) An adult/adolescent sexual assault nursing education program includes a minimum of forty (40) hours of course work that provides nursing continuing education or academic credit from an accredited educational institution.

(ii) A pediatric sexual assault nursing education program includes:

a. A minimum of forty (40) hours of course work that provides nursing continuing education or academic credit from an accredited educational institution.

b. A combined adult/adolescent and pediatric sexual assault nursing education program that includes a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours of course work that provides nursing continuing education or academic credit from an accredited educational institution.

(b) Supervised clinical practice shall occur with one of the following:

(i) A physician licensed to practice medicine in Alabama with training in forensics and/or the detection of abuse.

(ii) An advanced practice nurse with experience as a sexual assault nurse examiner.

(iii) Another registered nurse with experience as a sexual assault nurse examiner.

(c) The registered nurse shall demonstrate clinical competence with all aspects of the examination.

(2) A registered nurse who practices as a sexual assault nurse examiner shall:

(a) Practice according to a written protocol signed by a trained medical director who is a physician licensed in Alabama or an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority prior to administering medications for prophylaxis of sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy.

(b) Conduct examinations of sexual assault or rape victims in accordance with accepted principles of forensic nursing, including, but not limited to, chain of custody, photodocumentation, colposcopy, documentation, confidentiality, and evidence integrity. All pediatric sexual assault examinations shall include photodocumentation and/or videography.

(c) Maintain documentation of appropriate initial and continuing education, supervised clinical practice, and demonstrated clinical competence which includes peer review.

(d) Have 100% medical director review of each pediatric examination performed.

(3) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Directors shall have the requisite certification, SANE-A and/or SANE-P, or demonstrate active efforts to achieve the certification, or have no less than five years' experience as a SANE.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(c)(21).

**History: New Rule:** Filed November 23, 2009; effective December 28, 2009.

Proposed amended rule filed December 17, 2012.