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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: Chapter 540-X-8-.06, Authorization for Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to provide for use of the online form for terminating an existing collaboration

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) orally or in writing to: Patricia E. Shaner, General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including Friday, April 3, 2015. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule and submit data, views, or comments or arguments orally should contact Patricia E. Shaner, by telephone (334-242-4116) during said period in order to set up an appointment for a hearing respecting such oral data, views, or arguments.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: April 3, 2015

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Patricia E. Shaner



Larry D. Dixon, Executive Director

540-X-8-.06 Authorization for Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse

Practitioner.

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of qualification for advanced practice nursing as a certified registered nurse practitioner to applicants who meet the requirements of Rule 540-X-8-.03

(2) Only those registered nurses who have been issued a certificate of qualification by the Board of Nursing and have current approval for collaborative practice from the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners may hold themselves out to be certified registered nurse practitioners, use the designation "CRNP," or use titles to imply that they are certified registered nurse practitioners. Prior to approval as a Certified registered nurse practitioner, the registered nurse may use only the designation or title granted by the specialty certifying agency.

(3) When for any reason the collaborative practice agreement with the physician designated in the application for approval is terminated, then approval of such certified registered nurse practitioner and collaborating physician designated in the application is automatically withdrawn.

(a) The certified registered nurse practitioner and the physician shall each inform their respective board in writing of the effective date of the termination of the collaborative practice agreement and the reasons for such termination. Failure to notify the respective board of termination may be considered a violation of these rules and regulations.

(b) The certified registered nurse practitioner shall notify the Board of Nursing using the on-line form "Terminate an Existing Collaboration."

(4) The advanced practice approval card shall expire prior to the RN license card if the nurse practitioner national specialty certification expires during the license period.

(5) Approval for advanced practice may be continued each biennium at the time of renewal of the registered nurse license upon verification of:

(a) Meeting the requirements of Rule 540-X-8-.03.

(b) Continued collaboration with the approved physician(s) or eligibility for continued exemption from collaboration.

(c) Payment of the advanced practice renewal fee.

(6) Failure to meet the requirements for renewal shall result in lapse of the advanced practice approval.

(7) A nurse who fails to attain or maintain specialty certification as a nurse practitioner from a specialty certification agency shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board of Nursing.

(b) Not practice as or use the title of certified registered nurse practitioner until approved by the Board of Nursing.

(8) The registered nurse who has been issued a certificate of qualification as a certified registered nurse practitioner from the Board of Nursing may use the designation specific to the authorization, as follows:

(a) "CRNP - Faculty." The registered nurse who:

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.03.

2. Holds a teaching position in a nurse practitioner education program

recognized by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

3. Has made application for approval with the exception of the protocol for the Certified registered nurse practitioner and physician as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.05.

4. Requests approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner without prescriptive authority in order to supervise nurse practitioner students in direct care of patients in clinical settings where there is a Certified registered nurse practitioner in an approved collaborative practice or a physician who is present to oversee patient care.

(b) "CRNP - Federal Only" The registered nurse who:

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.03.

2. Is employed by the United States government.

3. Requests an exemption from collaborative practice with a physician licensed to practice medicine in Alabama.

4. Is authorized for practice with prescriptive authority under established federal regulations and guidelines limited to the employing federal agency.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, §§ 34-24-53, 34-21-95 and 34-21-90.

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