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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-.20, Authorization or Practice as a Certified Nurse Midwife

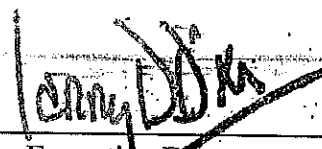
**INTENDED ACTION:** To amend the rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** To amend the rule to provide for the 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



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Larry D. Dixon, Executive Director

540-X-8-.20 Authorization for Practice as a Certified Nurse Midwife.

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of qualification for advanced practice nursing as a nurse midwife to applicants who meet all requirements of 540-X-8-.15.

(2) Only those registered nurses who have been issued a certificate of qualification by the Board of Nursing and have approval for collaborative practice from the Board of Medical Examiners and Board of Nursing may hold themselves out to be certified nurse midwives, use the designation "CNM" or use titles to imply that they are nurse midwives.

(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 nurse midwife and collaborating physician designated in the application is automatically withdrawn.

(a) The certified nurse midwife 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 nurse midwife shall notify the Board of Nursing using the online form "Terminate an Existing Collaboration."

(4) The advanced practice approval card shall expire prior to the RN license card if the advanced practice 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-.15.

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

(c) Payment of the advanced practice nursing 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 midwife from the American College of Nurse Midwives Certification Council shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board of Nursing.

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

(8) Registered nurses who have been issued a certificate of qualification as certified nurse midwives from the Board of Nursing may use the designation specific to the authorization, as follows:

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

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified nurse midwife as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.15.

2. Holds a teaching position in a nurse midwifery education program recognized by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

3. Has made application for approval with the exception of the standard protocol for the CNM and physician as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.17.

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

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

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified nurse midwife as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.15.

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, 34-21-25, and 34-21-88.

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