

Nursing Scope of Practice Reminder

As a Nurse, you:

- Are an advocate for the patient and the patient's family, and promotes safety by practicing within the NPA and the BON Rules and Regulations.
- Provide nursing services that require substantial specialized judgment and skill.
The planning and delivery of professional nursing care is based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social science as acquired by a completed course of study in

Professional nursing involves:

- the observation, assessment, intervention, evaluation, rehabilitation, care and counsel, or health teachings of a person who is ill, injured, infirm, or experiencing a change in normal health processes;
- the maintenance of health or prevention of illness;
- the administration of a medication or treatment **as ordered** by a physician, podiatrist, or dentist;
- the supervision or teaching of nursing;
- the administration, supervision, and evaluation of nursing practices, policies, and procedures;
- the requesting, receiving, signing for, and distribution of prescription drug samples to patients at practices at which an advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to sign prescription drug orders as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 157;
- the performance of an act **delegated by a physician** under Section 157.0512, 157.054, 157.058, or 157.059;
- the development of the nursing care plan
- **does not include acts of medical diagnosis or the prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.**

Medical diagnosis or the prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures can include, but not limited to:

- Not following prescribed orders
 - Titration of medication based on the specific titration order
 - Giving medication outside the parameters in which it was ordered
- Performing certain corrective measures without an order
 - Performing, or delegating- glucose checks, other blood test
 - Administering medication

**** in the case of emergency, please take care of the patient and get an order as soon as possible**

** Protocols and Standing Delegated Orders fall under the RN scope of practice as these are "delegated by a physician."

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