

SENATE BILL No. 343

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-15-5-14; IC 25-23-1-19.4.

Synopsis: Advanced practice registered nurses. Provides that an advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority and who has practiced under a practice agreement with a practitioner for the full time equivalent of one year may practice without a practice agreement if certain conditions are met. Amends the hospital governing board requirements for the manner in which an advanced practice registered nurse who practices in the hospital will interact with other practitioners. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-15-5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2018,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section, "advanced practice
4 registered nurse" means:
5 (1) a nurse practitioner; or
6 (2) a clinical nurse specialist;
7 who is a registered nurse licensed under IC 25-23 and qualified to
8 practice nursing in a specialty role based upon the additional
9 knowledge and skill gained through a formal organized program of
10 study and clinical experience, or the equivalent as determined by the
11 Indiana state board of nursing.
12 (b) As used in this section, "office" includes the following:
13 (1) The office of the secretary of family and social services.
14 (2) A managed care organization that has contracted with the
15 office of Medicaid policy and planning under this article.
16 (3) A person that has contracted with a managed care organization
17 described in subdivision (2).



(c) The office shall reimburse eligible Medicaid claims for the following services provided by an advanced practice registered nurse employed by a community mental health center if the services are part of the advanced practice registered nurse's scope of practice:

- (1) Mental health services.
- (2) Behavioral health services.
- (3) Substance abuse treatment.
- (4) Primary care services.
- (5) Evaluation and management services for inpatient or outpatient psychiatric treatment.
- (6) Prescription drugs.

(d) The office shall include an advanced practice registered nurse as an eligible provider for the supervision of a plan of treatment for a patient's outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services, if the supervision is in the advanced practice registered nurse's scope of practice, education, and training.

(e) This section:

- (1) may not be construed to expand an advanced practice registered nurse's scope of practice; and
- (2) is subject to IC 25-23-1-19.4(c). ~~and applies only if the service is included in the advanced practice registered nurse's practice agreement with a collaborating physician.~~

SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-19.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2018, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19.4. (a) This section does not apply to certified registered nurse anesthetists.

(b) As used in this section, "practitioner" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-19-5. However, the term does not include the following:

- (1) A veterinarian.
- ~~(2) An advanced practice registered nurse.~~
- ~~(3) (2)~~ (2) A physician assistant.

(c) **Except as provided in subsection (d),** an advanced practice registered nurse shall ~~operate~~ **practice**:

- (1) ~~in collaboration~~ with a licensed practitioner as evidenced by a practice agreement;
- (2) by privileges granted by the governing board of a hospital licensed under IC 16-21 with the advice of the medical staff of the hospital that sets forth the manner in which an advanced practice registered nurse ~~and a licensed practitioner~~ will cooperate, coordinate, and consult with ~~each other~~ **practitioners** in the provision of health care to their patients; or
- (3) by privileges granted by the governing body of a hospital



operated under IC 12-24-1 that sets forth the manner in which an advanced practice registered nurse and a licensed practitioner will cooperate, coordinate, and consult with each other **practitioners** in the provision of health care to their patients.

(d) An advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority may practice without a practice agreement if the following conditions are met:

(1) The advanced practice registered nurse has practiced under a practice agreement with a practitioner for the full time equivalent of one (1) year.

(2) The practitioner described in subdivision (1) has been licensed in Indiana for a minimum of five (5) years with the practitioner's respective governing board.

(3) The practitioner has reviewed at least five percent (5%) of the advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive charts during the previous one (1) year practice agreement period.

(4) The advanced practice registered nurse has submitted an attestation to the board to the completion of the required one (1) year practice agreement.

The board shall include a "C" after the prescriptive authority license number to indicate the advanced practice registered nurse has completed the requirements under this subsection.

