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7 An Act relating to Advanced Practice Registered  
8 Nurses; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 353.1, as last  
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 106, O.S.L. 2018 (59  
10 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 353.1), which relates to  
11 definitions used in the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;  
12 modifying certain definitions; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
13 Section 353.1a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 106,  
14 O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 353.1a),  
15 which relates to prescribing authority; modifying  
16 requirements for prescribing authority of Certified  
17 Nurse Practitioners; updating terms; providing  
18 certain limitation; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section  
19 567.3a, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L.  
20 2017 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.3a), which  
21 relates to definitions used in the Oklahoma Nursing  
22 Practice Act; modifying and deleting certain  
23 definitions; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.4a,  
24 as amended by Section 2, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2017 (59  
O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.4a), which relates to  
prescriptive authority recognition; permitting the  
Oklahoma Board of Nursing to grant prescribing and  
ordering authority to certain Advanced Practice  
Registered Nurses under certain conditions; expanding  
scope of practice of certain Advanced Practice  
Registered Nurses; modifying and deleting  
requirements of certain rules promulgated by the  
Board; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5a, as  
amended by Section 2, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2013 (59  
O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.5a), which relates to  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license; modifying  
application requirement; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
Section 567.7, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 190,  
O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 567.7),  
which relates to fees; establishing renewal fee for  
certain Certified Nurse Practitioners; requiring

1 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or employer to  
2 carry certain malpractice insurance; providing for  
3 waiver of supervision for certain Certified Nurse  
4 Practitioners; defining term; requiring certain  
5 mentorship and letter of recommendation unless the  
6 Certified Nurse Practitioner meets certain  
7 requirements; setting forth approval process for the  
8 State Board of Nursing; providing that applicants may  
9 reapply if rejected; granting the Board the authority  
10 to revoke approval for good cause and establish  
11 certain fee; establishing certain requirements for  
12 unsupervised Certified Nurse Practitioners; amending  
13 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2-312, which relates to the  
14 authority to prescribe controlled dangerous  
15 substances; modifying conditions under which a  
16 Certified Nurse Practitioner may prescribe and  
17 administer controlled dangerous substances; deleting  
18 repealed cite; providing certain construction;  
19 providing for codification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 353.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 106, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 353.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 353.1. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act:

1. "Accredited program" means those seminars, classes, meetings, work projects, and other educational courses approved by the Board for purposes of continuing professional education;

2. "Act" means the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

3. "Administer" means the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient;

1 4. "Assistant pharmacist" means any person presently licensed  
2 as an assistant pharmacist in the State of Oklahoma by the Board  
3 pursuant to Section 353.10 of this title and for the purposes of the  
4 Oklahoma Pharmacy Act shall be considered the same as a pharmacist,  
5 except where otherwise specified;

6 5. "Board" or "State Board" means the State Board of Pharmacy;

7 6. "Certify" or "certification of a prescription" means the  
8 review of a filled prescription by a licensed pharmacist or a  
9 licensed practitioner with dispensing authority to confirm that the  
10 medication, labeling and packaging of the filled prescription are  
11 accurate and meet all requirements prescribed by state and federal  
12 law. For the purposes of this paragraph, "licensed practitioner"  
13 shall not include optometrists with dispensing authority;

14 7. "Chemical" means any medicinal substance, whether simple or  
15 compound or obtained through the process of the science and art of  
16 chemistry, whether of organic or inorganic origin;

17 8. "Compounding" means the combining, admixing, mixing,  
18 diluting, pooling, reconstituting or otherwise altering of a drug or  
19 bulk drug substance to create a drug. Compounding includes the  
20 preparation of drugs or devices in anticipation of prescription drug  
21 orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns;

22 9. "Continuing professional education" means professional,  
23 pharmaceutical education in the general areas of the socioeconomic  
24 and legal aspects of health care; the properties and actions of

1 drugs and dosage forms; and the etiology, characteristics and  
2 therapeutics of the diseased state;

3 10. "Dangerous drug", "legend drug", "prescription drug" or "Rx  
4 Only" means a drug:

5 a. for human use subject to 21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1), or

6 b. is labeled "Prescription Only", or labeled with the  
7 following statement: "Caution: Federal law restricts  
8 this drug except for use by or on the order of a  
9 licensed veterinarian".

10 11. "Director" means the Executive Director of the State Board  
11 of Pharmacy unless context clearly indicates otherwise;

12 12. "Dispense" or "dispensing" means the interpretation,  
13 evaluation, and implementation of a prescription drug order,  
14 including the preparation and delivery of a drug or device to a  
15 patient or a patient's agent in a suitable container appropriately  
16 labeled for subsequent administration to, or use by, a patient.  
17 Dispense includes sell, distribute, leave with, give away, dispose  
18 of, deliver or supply;

19 13. "Dispenser" means a retail pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, a  
20 group of chain pharmacies under common ownership and control that do  
21 not act as a wholesale distributor, or any other person authorized  
22 by law to dispense or administer prescription drugs, and the  
23 affiliated warehouses or distributions of such entities under common  
24 ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale distributor.

1 For the purposes of this paragraph, "dispenser" does not mean a  
2 person who dispenses only products to be used in animals in  
3 accordance with 21 U.S.C. 360b(a) (5);

4 14. "Distribute" or "distribution" means the sale, purchase,  
5 trade, delivery, handling, storage, or receipt of a product, and  
6 does not include the dispensing of a product pursuant to a  
7 prescription executed in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 353(b) (1) or the  
8 dispensing of a product approved under 21 U.S.C. 360b(b); provided,  
9 taking actual physical possession of a product or title shall not be  
10 required;

11 15. "Doctor of Pharmacy" means a person licensed by the Board  
12 to engage in the practice of pharmacy. The terms "pharmacist",  
13 "D.Ph.", and "Doctor of Pharmacy" shall be interchangeable and shall  
14 have the same meaning wherever they appear in the Oklahoma Statutes  
15 and the rules promulgated by the Board;

16 16. "Drug outlet" means all manufacturers, repackagers,  
17 outsourcing facilities, wholesale distributors, third-party  
18 logistics providers, pharmacies, and all other facilities which are  
19 engaged in dispensing, delivery, distribution or storage of  
20 dangerous drugs;

21 17. "Drugs" means all medicinal substances and preparations  
22 recognized by the United States Pharmacopoeia and National  
23 Formulary, or any revision thereof, and all substances and  
24 preparations intended for external and/or internal use in the cure,

1 diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans  
2 or animals and all substances and preparations, other than food,  
3 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of a  
4 human or animals;

5 18. "Drug sample" means a unit of a prescription drug packaged  
6 under the authority and responsibility of the manufacturer that is  
7 not intended to be sold and is intended to promote the sale of the  
8 drug;

9 19. "Filled prescription" means a packaged prescription  
10 medication to which a label has been affixed which contains such  
11 information as is required by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

12 20. "Hospital" means any institution licensed as a hospital by  
13 this state for the care and treatment of patients, or a pharmacy  
14 operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

15 21. "Licensed practitioner" means an allopathic physician,  
16 osteopathic physician, podiatric physician, dentist, veterinarian,  
17 ~~or~~ optometrist or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed to  
18 practice and authorized to prescribe dangerous drugs within the  
19 scope of practice of such practitioner;

20 22. "Manufacturer" or "virtual manufacturer" means with respect  
21 to a product:

- 22 a. a person that holds an application approved under 21  
23 U.S.C. 355 or a license issued under 42 U.S.C. 262 for  
24 such product, or if such product is not the subject of

1 an approved application or license, the person who  
2 manufactured the product,

3 b. a co-licensed partner of the person described in  
4 subparagraph a that obtains the product directly from  
5 a person described in this subparagraph or  
6 subparagraph a,

7 c. an affiliate of a person described in subparagraph a  
8 or b who receives the product directly from a person  
9 described in this subparagraph or in subparagraph a or  
10 b; or

11 d. a person who contracts with another to manufacture a  
12 product;

13 23. "Manufacturing" means the production, preparation,  
14 propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a device or a  
15 drug, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of  
16 natural origin or independently by means of chemical or biological  
17 synthesis and includes any packaging or repackaging of the  
18 substances or labeling or relabeling of its container, and the  
19 promotion and marketing of such drugs or devices. The term  
20 "manufacturing" also includes the preparation and promotion of  
21 commercially available products from bulk compounds for resale by  
22 licensed pharmacies, licensed practitioners or other persons;

1           24. "Medical gas" means those gases including those in liquid  
2 state upon which the manufacturer or distributor has placed one of  
3 several cautions, such as "Rx Only", in compliance with federal law;

4           25. "Medical gas order" means an order for medical gas issued  
5 by a licensed prescriber;

6           26. "Medical gas distributor" means a person licensed to  
7 distribute, transfer, wholesale, deliver or sell medical gases on  
8 drug orders to suppliers or other entities licensed to use,  
9 administer or distribute medical gas and may also include a patient  
10 or ultimate user;

11           27. "Medical gas supplier" means a person who dispenses medical  
12 gases on drug orders only to a patient or ultimate user;

13           28. "Medicine" means any drug or combination of drugs which has  
14 the property of curing, preventing, treating, diagnosing or  
15 mitigating diseases, or which is used for that purpose;

16           29. "Nonprescription drugs" means medicines or drugs which are  
17 sold without a prescription and which are prepackaged for use by the  
18 consumer and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the  
19 statutes and regulations of this state and the federal government.  
20 Such items shall also include medical and dental supplies and  
21 bottled or nonbulk chemicals which are sold or offered for sale to  
22 the general public if such articles or preparations meet the  
23 requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21  
24 U.S.C.A., Section 321 et seq.;



1           30. "Outsourcing facility", including "virtual outsourcing  
2 facility" means a facility at one geographic location or address  
3 that:

- 4           a. is engaged in the compounding of sterile drugs,
- 5           b. has elected to register as an outsourcing facility,
- 6           and
- 7           c. complies with all requirements of 21 U.S.C. 353b;

8           31. "Package" means the smallest individual saleable unit of  
9 product for distribution by a manufacturer or repackager that is  
10 intended by the manufacturer for ultimate sale to the dispenser of  
11 such product. For the purposes of this paragraph, "individual  
12 saleable unit" means the smallest container of a product introduced  
13 into commerce by the manufacturer or repackager that is intended by  
14 the manufacturer or repackager for individual sale to a dispenser;

15           32. "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited  
16 liability company, corporation or association, unless the context  
17 otherwise requires;

18           33. "Pharmacist-in-charge" or "PIC" means the pharmacist  
19 licensed in this state responsible for the management control of a  
20 pharmacy and all other aspects of the practice of pharmacy in a  
21 licensed pharmacy as defined by Section 353.18 of this title;

22           34. "Pharmacy" means a place regularly licensed by the Board of  
23 Pharmacy in which prescriptions, drugs, medicines, chemicals and  
24 poisons are compounded or dispensed or such place where pharmacists

1 practice the profession of pharmacy, or a pharmacy operated by the  
2 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

3 35. "Pharmacy technician", "technician", "Rx tech", or "tech"  
4 means a person issued a Technician permit by the State Board of  
5 Pharmacy to assist the pharmacist and perform nonjudgmental,  
6 technical, manipulative, non-discretionary functions in the  
7 prescription department under the immediate and direct supervision  
8 of a pharmacist;

9 36. "Poison" means any substance which when introduced into the  
10 body, either directly or by absorption, produces violent, morbid or  
11 fatal changes, or which destroys living tissue with which such  
12 substance comes into contact;

13 37. "Practice of pharmacy" means:

- 14 a. the interpretation and evaluation of prescription  
15 orders,
- 16 b. the compounding, dispensing, administering and  
17 labeling of drugs and devices, except labeling by a  
18 manufacturer, repackager or distributor of  
19 nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend  
20 drugs and devices,
- 21 c. the participation in drug selection and drug  
22 utilization reviews,
- 23 d. the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and  
24 the maintenance of proper records thereof,

- 1 e. the responsibility for advising by counseling and  
2 providing information, where professionally necessary  
3 or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content,  
4 hazards and use of drugs and devices,  
5 f. the offering or performing of those acts, services,  
6 operations or transactions necessary in the conduct,  
7 operation, management and control of a pharmacy, or  
8 g. the provision of those acts or services that are  
9 necessary to provide pharmaceutical care;

10 38. "Preparation" means an article which may or may not contain  
11 sterile products compounded in a licensed pharmacy pursuant to the  
12 order of a licensed prescriber;

13 39. "Prescriber" means a person licensed in this state who is  
14 authorized to prescribe dangerous drugs within the scope of practice  
15 of the person's profession;

16 40. "Prescription" means and includes any order for drug or  
17 medical supplies written or signed, or transmitted by word of mouth,  
18 telephone or other means of communication:

- 19 a. by a licensed prescriber,  
20 b. by an Oklahoma licensed physician assistant under the  
21 supervision of an Oklahoma licensed ~~practitioner~~  
22 physician, ~~an Oklahoma licensed advanced practice~~  
23 ~~registered nurse or an Oklahoma licensed physician~~  
24 ~~assistant, or~~

- 1           c. by an Oklahoma licensed Clinical Nurse Specialist or  
2           an Oklahoma licensed Certified Nurse-Midwife under the  
3           supervision of an Oklahoma licensed physician,  
4           d. by an Oklahoma licensed Certified Nurse Practitioner  
5           who chooses to practice under the supervision of an  
6           Oklahoma licensed physician,  
7           e. by an Oklahoma licensed Certified Nurse Practitioner  
8           who has obtained a waiver of supervision from the  
9           State Board of Nursing pursuant to Section 8 of the  
10           act, or  
11           f. by an Oklahoma licensed wholesaler or distributor as  
12           authorized in Section 353.29.1 of this title;

13           41. "Product" means a prescription drug in a finished dosage  
14 form for administration to a patient without substantial further  
15 manufacturing, such as capsules, tablets, and lyophilized products  
16 before reconstitution. "Product" does not include blood components  
17 intended for transfusion, radioactive drugs or biologics and medical  
18 gas;

19           42. "Repackager", including "virtual repackager", means a  
20 person who owns or operates an establishment that repacks and  
21 relabels a product or package for further sale or distribution  
22 without further transaction;

23           43. "Sterile drug" means a drug that is intended for parenteral  
24 administration, an ophthalmic or oral inhalation drug in aqueous  
25

1 format, or a drug that is required to be sterile under state and  
2 federal law;

3 44. "Supervising physician" means an individual holding a  
4 current license to practice as a physician from the State Board of  
5 Medical Licensure and Supervision, pursuant to the provisions of the  
6 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision  
7 Act, or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, pursuant to the  
8 provisions of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act, who supervises  
9 ~~an advanced practice registered nurse~~:

10 a. a Clinical Nurse Specialist or a Certified Nurse-  
11 Midwife as such terms are defined in Section 567.3a of  
12 this title,

13 b. a Certified Nurse Practitioner as defined in Section  
14 567.3a of this title who chooses to practice under the  
15 supervision of a physician, or

16 c. a Certified Nurse Practitioner undergoing a mentorship  
17 pursuant to Section 8 of this act,

18 or a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist as defined in Section  
19 567.3a of this title, and who is not in training as an intern,  
20 resident, or fellow. To be eligible to supervise an ~~advanced~~  
21 ~~practice registered nurse~~ Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, such  
22 physician shall remain in compliance with the rules promulgated by  
23 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State  
24 Board of Osteopathic Examiners;

1           45. "Supportive personnel" means technicians and auxiliary  
2 supportive persons who are regularly paid employees of a pharmacy  
3 who work and perform tasks in the pharmacy as authorized by Section  
4 353.18A of this title;

5           46. "Third-party logistics provider", including "virtual third-  
6 party logistics provider" means an entity that provides or  
7 coordinates warehousing, or other logistics services of a product in  
8 interstate commerce on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale  
9 distributor, or dispenser of a product but does not take ownership  
10 of the product, nor have responsibility to direct the sale or  
11 disposition of the product. For the purposes of this paragraph,  
12 "third-party logistics provider" does not include shippers and the  
13 United States Postal Service;

14           47. "Wholesale distributor", including "virtual wholesale  
15 distributor" means a person other than a manufacturer, a  
16 manufacturer's co-licensed partner, a third-party logistics  
17 provider, or repackager engaged in wholesale distribution as defined  
18 by 21 U.S.C. 353(e) (4) as amended by the Drug Supply Chain Security  
19 Act;

20           48. "County jail" means a facility operated by a county for the  
21 physical detention and correction of persons charged with, or  
22 convicted of, criminal offenses or ordinance violations or persons  
23 found guilty of civil or criminal contempt;

1 49. "State correctional facility" means a facility or  
2 institution that houses a prisoner population under the jurisdiction  
3 of the Department of Corrections;

4 50. "Unit dose package" means a package that contains a single  
5 dose drug with the name, strength, control number, and expiration  
6 date of that drug on the label; and

7 51. "Unit of issue package" means a package that provides  
8 multiple doses of the same drug, but each drug is individually  
9 separated and includes the name, lot number, and expiration date.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 353.1a, as  
11 amended by Section 2, Chapter 106, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
12 Section 353.1a), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 353.1a. A. Prescribing authority shall be allowed ~~7~~  
14 under for Certified Nurse Practitioners who have obtained a waiver  
15 of supervision from the State Board of Nursing and:

16 1. Under the medical direction of a supervising physician, for  
17 ~~an advanced practice nurse recognized by the Oklahoma Board of~~  
18 ~~Nursing in one of the following categories: advanced registered~~  
19 ~~nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, or certified nurse~~  
20 ~~midwives~~ Clinical Nurse Specialists and Certified Nurse-Midwives;

21 2. For Certified Nurse Practitioners who choose to practice  
22 under the medical direction of a supervising physician; and

23 3. For Certified Nurse Practitioners who are undergoing a  
24 mentorship pursuant to Section 8 of this act.

1       The ~~advanced practice nurse~~ Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
2 may write or sign, or transmit by word of mouth, telephone or other  
3 means of communication an order for drugs or medical supplies that  
4 is intended to be filled, compounded, or dispensed by a pharmacist.  
5 The supervising physician and the ~~advanced practice nurse~~ Advanced  
6 Practice Registered Nurse shall be identified at the time of  
7 origination of the prescription and the name of the ~~advanced~~  
8 ~~practice nurse~~ Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall be printed  
9 on the prescription label.

10       B. Pharmacists may dispense prescriptions for non-controlled  
11 prescription drugs authorized by an ~~advanced practice nurse~~ Advanced  
12 Practice Registered Nurse or physician assistant, not located in  
13 Oklahoma, provided that they are licensed in the state in which they  
14 are actively prescribing.

15       C. Pharmacists may only dispense prescriptions for controlled  
16 dangerous substances prescribed by an ~~advanced practice nurse~~  
17 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or a physician assistant licensed  
18 in the State of Oklahoma and supervised by an Oklahoma-licensed  
19 practitioner. Pharmacists may only dispense prescriptions for  
20 controlled dangerous substances prescribed by an Advanced Practice  
21 Registered Nurse licensed and located in the State of Oklahoma.

22       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.3a, as  
23 amended by Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2017 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
24 Section 567.3a), is amended to read as follows:



1 Section 567.3a. As used in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act:

2 1. "Board" means the Oklahoma Board of Nursing;

3 2. "The practice of nursing" means the performance of services  
4 provided for purposes of nursing diagnosis and treatment of human  
5 responses to actual or potential health problems consistent with  
6 educational preparation. Knowledge and skill are the basis for  
7 assessment, analysis, planning, intervention, and evaluation used in  
8 the promotion and maintenance of health and nursing management of  
9 illness, injury, infirmity, restoration or optimal function, or  
10 death with dignity. Practice is based on understanding the human  
11 condition across the human lifespan and understanding the  
12 relationship of the individual within the environment. This  
13 practice includes execution of the medical regime including the  
14 administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any  
15 person authorized by state law to so prescribe;

16 3. "Registered nursing" means the practice of the full scope of  
17 nursing which includes, but is not limited to:

- 18 a. assessing the health status of individuals, families  
19 and groups,  
20 b. analyzing assessment data to determine nursing care  
21 needs,  
22 c. establishing goals to meet identified health care  
23 needs,  
24 d. planning a strategy of care,

- e. establishing priorities of nursing intervention to implement the strategy of care,
- f. implementing the strategy of care,
- g. delegating such tasks as may safely be performed by others, consistent with educational preparation and that do not conflict with the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act,
- h. providing safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly,
- i. evaluating responses to interventions,
- j. teaching the principles and practice of nursing,
- k. managing and supervising the practice of nursing,
- l. collaborating with other health professionals in the management of health care,
- m. performing additional nursing functions in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired beyond basic nursing preparation, and
- n. delegating those nursing tasks as defined in the rules of the Board that may be performed by an advanced unlicensed assistive person;

4. "Licensed practical nursing" means the practice of nursing under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. This directed scope of nursing practice includes, but is not limited to:

- a. contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups,
- b. participating in the development and modification of the plan of care,
- c. implementing the appropriate aspects of the plan of care,
- d. delegating such tasks as may safely be performed by others, consistent with educational preparation and that do not conflict with the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act,
- e. providing safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly,
- f. participating in the evaluation of responses to interventions,
- g. teaching basic nursing skills and related principles,
- h. performing additional nursing procedures in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired through education beyond nursing preparation, and
- i. delegating those nursing tasks as defined in the rules of the Board that may be performed by an advanced unlicensed assistive person;

5. "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" means a licensed Registered Nurse:

- 1 a. who has completed an advanced practice registered  
2 nursing education program in preparation for one of  
3 four recognized advanced practice registered nurse  
4 roles,
- 5 b. who has passed a national certification examination  
6 recognized by the Board that measures the advanced  
7 practice registered nurse role and specialty  
8 competencies and who maintains recertification in the  
9 role and specialty through a national certification  
10 program,
- 11 c. who has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and  
12 skills in preparation for providing both direct and  
13 indirect care to patients; however, the defining  
14 factor for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is  
15 that a significant component of the education and  
16 practice focuses on direct care of individuals,
- 17 d. whose practice builds on the competencies of  
18 Registered Nurses by demonstrating a greater depth and  
19 breadth of knowledge, a greater synthesis of data, and  
20 increased complexity of skills and interventions, ~~and~~
- 21 e. who has been educationally prepared to assume  
22 responsibility and accountability for health promotion  
23 or maintenance as well as the assessment, diagnosis  
24 and management of patient problems, which may include

1           the use and prescription of pharmacological and  
2           nonpharmacological interventions,

3           f. who has clinical experience of sufficient depth and  
4           breadth to reflect the license, and

5           g. who has obtained a license as an Advanced Practice  
6           Registered Nurse in one of the following roles:  
7           Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified  
8           Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified  
9           Nurse Practitioner.

10           Practicing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse means an  
11 expanded scope of nursing in a role and population focus approved by  
12 the Board, with or without compensation or personal profit, and  
13 includes the registered nurse scope of practice. The scope of an  
14 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse may include, but is not limited  
15 to, performing acts of advanced assessment, diagnosing, prescribing  
16 and ordering nonpharmacological interventions including, but not  
17 limited to, durable medical equipment, medical devices, nutrition,  
18 blood and blood products, and supportive services including, but not  
19 limited to, home health care, hospice and physical and occupational  
20 therapy. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may serve as primary  
21 care providers of record.

22           Advanced Practice Registered Nurses shall practice as licensed  
23 practitioners as defined in Section 353.1 of this title within  
24 standards established or recognized by the Board. Each Advanced

1 Practice Registered Nurse is accountable to patients, the nursing  
2 profession and the Board for complying with the requirements of the  
3 Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and is accountable for the quality of  
4 advanced nursing care rendered, for recognizing limits of knowledge  
5 and experience, for planning for the management of situations beyond  
6 the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's expertise and for  
7 consulting with or referring patients to other health care  
8 providers, as appropriate.

9       Only those persons who hold a license to practice advanced  
10 practice registered nursing in this state shall have the right to  
11 use the title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" and to use the  
12 abbreviation "APRN". Only those persons who have obtained a license  
13 in the following disciplines shall have the right to fulfill the  
14 roles and use the applicable titles: Certified Registered Nurse  
15 Anesthetist and the abbreviation "CRNA", Certified Nurse-Midwife and  
16 the abbreviation "CNM", Clinical Nurse Specialist and the  
17 abbreviation "CNS", and Certified Nurse Practitioner and the  
18 abbreviation "CNP".

19       It shall be unlawful for any person to assume the role or use  
20 the title Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or use the abbreviation  
21 "APRN" or use the respective specialty role titles and abbreviations  
22 or to use any other titles or abbreviations that would reasonably  
23 lead a person to believe the user is an Advanced Practice Registered  
24 Nurse, unless permitted by ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Nursing Practice

1 Act. Any individual doing so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,  
2 which shall be punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment in the  
3 county jail for not more than one (1) year or by a fine of not less  
4 than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand  
5 Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine for each  
6 offense;

7 6. "Certified Nurse Practitioner" is an Advanced Practice  
8 Registered Nurse who ~~performs in an expanded role in the delivery of~~  
9 ~~health care:~~

10 a. ~~consistent with advanced educational preparation as a~~

11 ~~Certified Nurse Practitioner in an area of specialty,~~

12 b. ~~functions within the Certified Nurse Practitioner~~

13 ~~scope of practice for the selected area of~~

14 ~~specialization, and~~

15 c. ~~is in accord with the standards for Certified Nurse~~

16 ~~Practitioners as identified by the certifying body and~~

17 ~~approved by the Board~~

18 is prepared to function as a licensed practitioner as defined in

19 Section 353.1 of this title, providing primary or acute care in

20 accordance with education and specialty certification along the

21 wellness-illness continuum to a specific population in diverse

22 settings. The Certified Nurse Practitioner diagnoses and treats

23 patients with undifferentiated symptoms as well as those with

24 established diagnoses. The Certified Nurse Practitioner shall

1 practice in accordance with the standards for Certified Nurse  
2 Practitioner practice recognized by the Board.

3 A Certified Nurse Practitioner shall be eligible, in accordance  
4 with the scope of practice of the Certified Nurse Practitioner, to  
5 obtain recognition as authorized by the Board to prescribe and  
6 order, as defined by the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to  
7 this section ~~and subject to the medical direction of a supervising~~  
8 ~~physician.~~ This authorization shall not include dispensing drugs,  
9 but shall not preclude, subject to federal regulations, the receipt  
10 of, the signing for, or the dispensing of professional samples to  
11 patients.

12 The Certified Nurse Practitioner accepts responsibility,  
13 accountability, and obligation to practice in accordance with usual  
14 and customary advanced practice registered nursing standards and  
15 functions as defined by the scope of practice/ and role definition  
16 statements for the Certified Nurse Practitioner;

17 7. a. "Clinical Nurse Specialist" is an Advanced Practice  
18 Registered Nurse who holds:

19 ~~(1)~~ a master's degree or higher in nursing with  
20 clinical specialization preparation to function  
21 ~~in an expanded role,~~

22 ~~(2)~~ ~~specialty certification from a national~~  
23 ~~certifying organization recognized by the Board,~~



1 ~~(3) an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license~~  
2 ~~from the Board, and~~

3 ~~(4) any nurse holding a specialty certification as a~~  
4 ~~Clinical Nurse Specialist valid on January 1,~~  
5 ~~1994, granted by a national certifying~~  
6 ~~organization recognized by the Board, shall be~~  
7 ~~deemed to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist under~~  
8 ~~the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice~~  
9 ~~Act.~~

10 ~~b. In the expanded role, the Clinical Nurse Specialist~~  
11 ~~performs at an advanced practice level which shall~~  
12 ~~include, but not be limited to:~~

13 ~~(1) practicing as an expert clinician in the~~  
14 ~~provision of direct nursing care to a selected~~  
15 ~~population of patients or clients in any setting,~~  
16 ~~including private practice,~~

17 ~~(2) managing the care of patients or clients with~~  
18 ~~complex nursing problems,~~

19 ~~(3) enhancing patient or client care by integrating~~  
20 ~~the competencies of clinical practice, education,~~  
21 ~~consultation, and research, and~~

22 ~~(4) referring patients or clients to other services~~  
23 ~~as a licensed practitioner as defined in Section 353.1~~  
24 ~~of this title, diagnosing and treating patients with~~

1 undifferentiated symptoms as well as those with  
2 established diagnoses, in a specialized area of  
3 nursing practice to specific populations in diverse  
4 settings. The Clinical Nurse Specialist shall  
5 practice in accordance with the standards for Clinical  
6 Nurse Specialist practice recognized by the Board.

7 ~~e.~~

8 b. A Clinical Nurse Specialist in accordance with the  
9 scope of practice of such Clinical Nurse Specialist  
10 shall be eligible to obtain recognition as authorized  
11 by the Board to prescribe and order, as defined by the  
12 rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to this  
13 section, ~~and subject to the medical direction of a~~  
14 ~~supervising physician.~~ This authorization shall not  
15 include dispensing drugs, but shall not preclude,  
16 subject to federal regulations, the receipt of, the  
17 signing for, or the dispensing of professional samples  
18 to patients.

19 ~~d.~~

20 c. The Clinical Nurse Specialist accepts responsibility,  
21 accountability, and obligation to practice in  
22 accordance with usual and customary advanced practice  
23 nursing standards and functions as defined by the  
24

1 scope of practice/role definition statements for the  
2 Clinical Nurse Specialist;

3 8. "Nurse-Midwife" is ~~a nurse who has received an Advanced~~  
4 ~~Practice Registered Nurse license from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing~~  
5 ~~who possesses evidence of certification according to the~~  
6 ~~requirements of the American College of Nurse-Midwives~~ an Advanced  
7 Practice Registered Nurse who is prepared to function as a licensed  
8 practitioner as defined in Section 353.1 of this title providing a  
9 full range of primary health care services in diverse settings to  
10 women throughout the lifespan including gynecologic care, family  
11 planning services, preconception care, prenatal and postpartum care,  
12 childbirth, care of the newborn and treating the male partner of  
13 female patients for sexually transmitted infection and reproductive  
14 health. The Certified Nurse-Midwife shall practice in accordance  
15 with the standards for Certified Nurse-Midwife practice recognized  
16 by the Board.

17 A Certified Nurse-Midwife in accordance with the scope of  
18 practice of such Certified Nurse-Midwife shall be eligible to obtain  
19 recognition as authorized by the Board to prescribe, as defined by  
20 the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to this section and  
21 subject to the medical direction of a supervising physician. This  
22 authorization shall not include the dispensing of drugs, but shall  
23 not preclude, subject to federal regulations, the receipt of, the  
24 signing for, or the dispensing of professional samples to patients.

1 The Certified Nurse-Midwife accepts responsibility,  
2 accountability, and obligation to practice in accordance with usual  
3 and customary advanced practice registered nursing standards and  
4 functions as defined by the scope of practice/role definition  
5 statements for the Certified Nurse-Midwife;

6 9. ~~"Nurse-midwifery practice" means providing management of~~  
7 ~~care of normal newborns and women, antepartally, intrapartally,~~  
8 ~~postpartally and gynecologically, occurring within a health care~~  
9 ~~system which provides for medical consultation, medical management~~  
10 ~~or referral, and is in accord with the standards for nurse-midwifery~~  
11 ~~practice as defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives;~~

12 10. a. "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist" is an  
13 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who:

- 14 (1) is certified by the National Board of  
15 Certification and Recertification for Nurse  
16 Anesthetists as a Certified Registered Nurse  
17 Anesthetist within one (1) year following  
18 completion of an approved certified registered  
19 nurse anesthetist education program, and  
20 continues to maintain such recertification by the  
21 National Board of Certification and  
22 Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, and  
23 (2) administers anesthesia under the supervision of a  
24 medical doctor, an osteopathic physician, a

1                   podiatric physician or a dentist licensed in this  
2                   state and under conditions in which timely onsite  
3                   consultation by such doctor, osteopath, podiatric  
4                   physician or dentist is available.

5           b.    A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, under the  
6                   supervision of a medical doctor, osteopathic  
7                   physician, podiatric physician or dentist licensed in  
8                   this state, and under conditions in which timely, on-  
9                   site consultation by such medical doctor, osteopathic  
10                  physician, podiatric physician or dentist is  
11                  available, shall be authorized, pursuant to rules  
12                  adopted by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, to order,  
13                  select, obtain and administer legend drugs, Schedules  
14                  II through V controlled substances, devices, and  
15                  medical gases only when engaged in the preanesthetic  
16                  preparation and evaluation; anesthesia induction,  
17                  maintenance and emergence; and postanesthesia care. A  
18                  Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist may order,  
19                  select, obtain and administer drugs only during the  
20                  perioperative or periobstetrical period.

21           c.    A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist who applies  
22                   for authorization to order, select, obtain and  
23                   administer drugs shall:

- (1) be currently recognized as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in this state,
- (2) provide evidence of completion, within the two-year period immediately preceding the date of application, of a minimum of fifteen (15) units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology related to the administration of anesthesia as recognized by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, and
- (3) complete and submit a notarized application, on a form prescribed by the Board, accompanied by the application fee established pursuant to this section.

d. The authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall be terminated if a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist has:

- (1) ordered, selected, obtained or administered drugs outside of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist scope of practice or ordered, selected, obtained or administered drugs for other than therapeutic purposes, or
- (2) violated any provision of state laws or rules or federal laws or regulations pertaining to the

1 practice of nursing or the authority to order,  
2 select, obtain and administer drugs.

3 e. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing shall notify the Board  
4 of Pharmacy after termination of or a change in the  
5 authority to order, select, obtain and administer  
6 drugs for a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

7 f. The Board shall provide by rule for biennial  
8 application renewal and reauthorization of authority  
9 to order, select, obtain and administer drugs for  
10 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. At the time  
11 of application renewal, a Certified Registered Nurse  
12 Anesthetist shall submit documentation of a minimum of  
13 eight (8) units of continuing education, completed  
14 during the previous two (2) years, in advanced  
15 pharmacology relating to the administration of  
16 anesthesia, as recognized by the Council on  
17 Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council  
18 on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists.

19 g. This paragraph shall not prohibit the administration  
20 of local or topical anesthetics as now permitted by  
21 law. Provided further, nothing in this paragraph  
22 shall limit the authority of the Board of Dentistry to  
23 establish the qualifications for dentists who direct  
24 the administration of anesthesia;

1       ~~11.~~ 10. "Supervising physician" means an individual holding a  
2 current license to practice as a physician from the State Board of  
3 Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic  
4 Examiners, who supervises ~~a Certified Nurse Practitioner,~~:

5           a. a Clinical Nurse Specialist, or a Certified Nurse-  
6 Midwife,

7           b. a Certified Nurse Practitioner who chooses to practice  
8 under the supervision of a physician, or

9           c. a Certified Nurse Practitioner undergoing a mentorship  
10 pursuant to Section 8 of this act,

11 and who is not in training as an intern, resident, or fellow. To be  
12 eligible to supervise such Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, such  
13 physician shall remain in compliance with the rules promulgated by  
14 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State  
15 Board of Osteopathic Examiners;

16       ~~12.~~ 11. "Supervision of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
17 with prescriptive authority" means overseeing and accepting  
18 responsibility for the ordering and transmission by ~~a Certified~~  
19 ~~Nurse Practitioner,~~:

20           a. a Clinical Nurse Specialist, or a Certified Nurse-  
21 Midwife,

22           b. a Certified Nurse Practitioner who chooses to practice  
23 under the supervision of a physician, or





1           d. Certified Nurse Practitioners who have obtained a  
2           waiver of supervision from the State Board of Nursing.

3           2. All licensed Certified Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse-  
4 Midwives and Clinical Nurse Specialists who are granted prescribing  
5 and ordering authority are authorized to:

6           a. diagnose, prescribe and institute therapy or referrals  
7           of patients to health care agencies, health care  
8           providers and community resources,

9           b. prescribe, procure and administer over-the-counter,  
10           legend and controlled substances, and

11           c. plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes  
12           ordering and prescribing medical devices and  
13           equipment, nutrition, diagnostic and supportive  
14           services, including, but not limited to, speech  
15           therapy, home health care, hospice and physical and  
16           occupational therapy.

17           B. The rules regarding prescriptive prescribing and ordering  
18 authority ~~recognition~~ promulgated by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing  
19 pursuant to paragraphs 6 through 9, 11 and 12 of Section 567.3a of  
20 this title shall:

21           1. Define the procedure for documenting supervision by a  
22 physician licensed in Oklahoma to practice by the State Board of  
23 Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic  
24 Examiners of a Clinical Nurse Specialist, a Certified Nurse-Midwife,

1 a Certified Nurse Practitioner who is undergoing a mentorship  
2 pursuant to Section 8 of this act, or a Certified Nurse Practitioner  
3 who chooses to work under the supervision of a physician. Such  
4 procedure shall include a written statement that defines appropriate  
5 referral, consultation, and collaboration between the Advanced  
6 Practice Registered Nurse, recognized to prescribe as defined in  
7 paragraphs 6 through 9, 11 and 12 of Section 567.3a of this title,  
8 and the supervising physician. The written statement shall include  
9 a method of assuring availability of the supervising physician  
10 through direct contact, telecommunications or other appropriate  
11 electronic means—for consultation, assistance with medical  
12 emergencies, or patient referral. Use of telecommunications or  
13 other electronic means to provide supervision as part of a  
14 mentorship is prohibited. The written statement shall be part of  
15 the initial application and the renewal application submitted to the  
16 Board for recognition for prescriptive authority for the Advanced  
17 Practice Registered Nurse. Changes to the written statement shall  
18 be filed with the Board within thirty (30) days of the change and  
19 shall be effective on filing;

20 2. Define minimal requirements for initial application for  
21 prescriptive authority which shall include, but not be limited to,  
22 evidence of completion of a minimum of forty-five (45) contact hours  
23 or three (3) academic credit hours of education in  
24 pharmacotherapeutics, clinical application, and use of

1 pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and in the  
2 restoration and maintenance of health in a program beyond basic  
3 registered nurse preparation, approved by the Board. Such contact  
4 hours or academic credits shall be obtained within a time period of  
5 three (3) years immediately preceding the date of application for  
6 prescriptive authority;

7 3. Define minimal requirements for application for renewal of  
8 prescriptive authority which shall include, but not be limited to,  
9 documentation of a minimum of fifteen (15) contact hours or one (1)  
10 academic credit hour of education in pharmacotherapeutics, clinical  
11 application, and use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of  
12 illness, and in the restoration and maintenance of health in a  
13 program beyond basic registered nurse preparation, approved by the  
14 Board, within the two-year period immediately preceding the  
15 effective date of application for renewal of prescriptive authority;

16 4. Require that beginning July 1, 2002, an Advanced Practice  
17 Registered Nurse shall demonstrate successful completion of a  
18 master's degree in a clinical nurse specialty in order to be  
19 eligible for initial application for prescriptive authority under  
20 the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act;

21 ~~5. Define the method for communicating authority to prescribe~~  
22 ~~or termination of same, and the formulary to the Board of Pharmacy,~~  
23 ~~all pharmacies, and all registered pharmacists;~~

24 ~~6.~~ 5. Define terminology used in such rules;

1       ~~7.~~ 6. Define the parameters for the prescribing practices of  
2 the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; and

3       ~~8.~~ 7. Define the methods for termination of prescriptive  
4 authority for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; ~~and~~

- 5       ~~9. a. Establish a Formulary Advisory Council that shall~~  
6               ~~develop and submit to the Board recommendations for an~~  
7               ~~exclusionary formulary that shall list drugs or~~  
8               ~~categories of drugs that shall not be prescribed by~~  
9               ~~Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized to~~  
10              ~~prescribe by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. The~~  
11              ~~Formulary Advisory Council shall also develop and~~  
12              ~~submit to the Board recommendations for practice-~~  
13              ~~specific prescriptive standards for each category of~~  
14              ~~Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized to~~  
15              ~~prescribe by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing pursuant to~~  
16              ~~the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.~~  
17              ~~The Board shall either accept or reject the~~  
18              ~~recommendations made by the Council. No amendments to~~  
19              ~~the recommended exclusionary formulary may be made by~~  
20              ~~the Board without the approval of the Formulary~~  
21              ~~Advisory Council.~~
- 22       ~~b. The Formulary Advisory Council shall be composed of~~  
23              ~~twelve (12) members as follows:~~

1 ~~(1) four members, to include a pediatrician, an~~  
2 ~~obstetrician-gynecological physician, a general~~  
3 ~~internist, and a family practice physician;~~  
4 ~~provided that three of such members shall be~~  
5 ~~appointed by the Oklahoma State Medical~~  
6 ~~Association, and one shall be appointed by the~~  
7 ~~Oklahoma Osteopathic Association,~~

8 ~~(2) four members who are registered pharmacists,~~  
9 ~~appointed by the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical~~  
10 ~~Association, and~~

11 ~~(3) four members, one of whom shall be a Certified~~  
12 ~~Nurse Practitioner, one of whom shall be a~~  
13 ~~Clinical Nurse Specialist, one of whom shall be a~~  
14 ~~Certified Nurse-Midwife, and one of whom shall be~~  
15 ~~a current member of the Oklahoma Board of~~  
16 ~~Nursing, all of whom shall be appointed by the~~  
17 ~~Oklahoma Board of Nursing.~~

18 ~~e. All professional members of the Formulary Advisory~~  
19 ~~Council shall be in active clinical practice, at least~~  
20 ~~fifty percent (50%) of the time, within their defined~~  
21 ~~area of specialty. The members of the Formulary~~  
22 ~~Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of the~~  
23 ~~appointing authority for a term of three (3) years.~~  
24 ~~The terms of the members shall be staggered. Members~~

1 ~~of the Council may serve beyond the expiration of~~  
2 ~~their term of office until a successor is appointed by~~  
3 ~~the original appointing authority. A vacancy on the~~  
4 ~~Council shall be filled for the balance of the~~  
5 ~~unexpired term by the original appointing authority.~~

6 ~~d. Members of the Council shall elect a chair and a vice-~~  
7 ~~chair from among the membership of the Council. For~~  
8 ~~the transaction of business, at least seven members,~~  
9 ~~with a minimum of two members present from each of the~~  
10 ~~identified categories of physicians, pharmacists and~~  
11 ~~advanced practice registered nurses, shall constitute~~  
12 ~~a quorum. The Council shall recommend and the Board~~  
13 ~~shall approve and implement an initial exclusionary~~  
14 ~~formulary on or before January 1, 1997. The Council~~  
15 ~~and the Board shall annually review the approved~~  
16 ~~exclusionary formulary and shall make any necessary~~  
17 ~~revisions utilizing the same procedures used to~~  
18 ~~develop the initial exclusionary formulary.~~

19 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5a, as  
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
21 Section 567.5a), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 567.5a. A. All applicants for a license to practice as  
23 an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall be subject to Section  
24 567.8 of this title.

1 B. An applicant for an initial license to practice as an  
2 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall:

3 1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees  
4 as established by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing;

5 2. Submit a criminal history records check that complies with  
6 Section 567.18 of this title;

7 3. Hold a current Registered Nurse license in this state;

8 4. Have completed an advanced practice registered nursing  
9 education program in one of the four advanced practice registered  
10 nurse roles and a specialty area recognized by the Board. Effective  
11 January 1, 2016, the applicant shall have completed ~~an accredited a~~  
12 graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education  
13 program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
14 Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education  
15 (CCNE) in at least one of the following population foci:  
16 family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, neonatal,  
17 pediatrics, women's health/gender-related, or psychiatric/mental  
18 health. As a condition of licensure, an Advanced Practice  
19 Registered Nurse shall show evidence of periodic on-campus  
20 attendance for assessment and evaluation of student progress and  
21 competence in addition to completing a minimum of eight hundred  
22 (800) clinical hours in the graduate program;



1           5. Be currently certified in an advanced practice specialty  
2 certification consistent with educational preparation and by a  
3 national certifying body recognized by the Board; and

4           6. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
5 in its rules.

6           C. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an Advanced  
7 Practice Registered Nurse licensed under the laws of another state  
8 if the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure in this  
9 state. An applicant by endorsement shall:

10           1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees  
11 as established by the Board;

12           2. Hold a current Registered Nurse license in this state;

13           3. Hold recognition as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in  
14 a state or territory;

15           4. Have completed an advanced practice registered nursing  
16 education program in one of the four roles and a specialty area  
17 recognized by the Board. Effective January 1, 2016, the applicant  
18 shall have completed an accredited graduate level advanced practice  
19 registered nursing education program in at least one of the  
20 following population foci: family/individual across the lifespan,  
21 adult-gerontology, neonatal, pediatrics, women's health/gender-  
22 related, or psychiatric/mental health;

1 5. Be currently certified in an advanced practice specialty  
2 certification consistent with educational preparation and by a  
3 national certifying body recognized by the Board;

4 6. Meet continued competency requirements as set forth in Board  
5 rules; and

6 7. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
7 in its rules.

8 D. The Board may issue prescriptive authority recognition by  
9 endorsement to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed as an  
10 APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, or APRN-CNM under the laws of another state if  
11 the applicant meets the requirements set forth in this section. An  
12 applicant for prescriptive authority recognition by endorsement  
13 shall:

14 1. Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees  
15 as established by the Board;

16 2. Hold current Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice  
17 Registered Nurse licenses (APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, or APRN-CNM) in the  
18 state;

19 3. Hold current licensure or recognition as an Advanced  
20 Practice Registered Nurse in the same role and specialty with  
21 prescribing privileges in another state or territory;

22 4. Submit documentation verifying successful completion of a  
23 graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education  
24 program that included an academic course in pharmacotherapeutic

1 management, and didactic and clinical preparation for prescribing  
2 incorporated throughout the program;

3 5. Submit a written statement from an Oklahoma licensed  
4 physician supervising prescriptive authority as required by the  
5 Board in its rules;

6 6. Meet continued competency requirements as set forth in Board  
7 rules; and

8 7. Provide any and all other evidence as required by the Board  
9 in its rules.

10 E. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license issued under  
11 this section shall be renewed concurrently with the registered nurse  
12 license provided that qualifying criteria continue to be met.

13 F. The Board may reinstate a license as set forth in Board  
14 rules.

15 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.7, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
17 Section 567.7), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 567.7. A. Upon expiration of an initial license or  
19 certificate issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, a  
20 license or certificate shall be renewed every two (2) years  
21 according to a schedule published by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing,  
22 provided that the application is complete and qualifying criteria  
23 continues to be met.

1 B. A licensee or certificate holder who applies for  
2 reinstatement of a license or certificate shall meet such  
3 requirements as the Board may prescribe in its rules.

4 C. Any licensee or certificate holder who desires to retire  
5 temporarily from the practice of nursing in this state shall submit  
6 a written request to that effect to the Board. It shall be the duty  
7 of the Board to place the name of such licensee or certificate  
8 holder upon the nonpracticing list in accordance with the rules of  
9 the Board. During the period of temporary retirement, the licensee  
10 or certificate holder shall not practice nursing, Advanced Practice  
11 Registered Nursing or practice as an Advanced Unlicensed Assistant  
12 nor be subject to the payment of any renewal fees. When the  
13 licensee or certificate holder desires to resume practice, such  
14 licensee or certificate holder shall meet such requirements as the  
15 Board may prescribe in its rules.

16 D. The Board is authorized to establish by rule fees to be  
17 charged for the purpose of implementing and enforcing the provisions  
18 of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act; provided, however, no single  
19 fee for an initial application for licensure or certification, or  
20 for renewal, reinstatement or return to active practice shall exceed  
21 One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00). The application fee for  
22 a multistate license issued pursuant to Section ~~5 of this act~~ 567.21  
23 of this title shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). The  
24 biennial multistate license renewal fee shall be One Hundred Twenty-

1 five Dollars (\$125.00); provided, however, that contingent upon  
2 implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact and the Board's  
3 revolving fund balance being reconciled at less than the average of  
4 three (3) months of expenditures, the biennial renewal fee set forth  
5 in Oklahoma Administrative Code 485:10-1-3(a)(2) shall increase by  
6 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) by operation of law. The Board may reduce the  
7 biennial renewal fees on a pro rata basis for the specific  
8 Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse biennial renewal  
9 period. Notwithstanding any other provision of law in this section,  
10 the renewal fee for Certified Nurse Practitioners who have obtained  
11 a waiver of supervision from the State Board of Nursing and practice  
12 unsupervised shall be an amount equivalent to the renewal fee  
13 imposed on osteopathic physicians.

14 E. The Executive Director of the Board shall suspend the  
15 license or certificate of a person who submits a check, money draft,  
16 or similar instrument for payment of a fee which is not honored by  
17 the financial institution named. The suspension becomes effective  
18 ten (10) days following delivery by certified mail of written notice  
19 of the dishonor and the impending suspension to the person's address  
20 on file. Upon notification of suspension, the person may reinstate  
21 the authorization to practice upon payment of the fees and any and  
22 all costs associated with notice and collection. The suspension  
23 shall be exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act.

1 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 567.27 of Title 59, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 Either an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or his or her  
5 employer shall be required to carry One Million/Three Million  
6 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00/\$3,000,000.00) of malpractice insurance.

7 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 567.28 of Title 59, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. 1. A Certified Nurse Practitioner who has been granted  
11 prescribing and ordering authority may apply for a waiver of  
12 supervision from the State Board of Nursing, which shall allow the  
13 Certified Nurse Practitioner to prescribe and order without  
14 physician supervision, if the Certified Nurse Practitioner:

- 15 a. is licensed in this state on or before November 1,  
16 2020, and has seven (7) years of national  
17 certification, or
- 18 b. has completed a mentorship consisting of direct  
19 supervision with an allopathic or osteopathic  
20 physician practicing in family medicine with at least  
21 ten (10) years of experience for a minimum of ten  
22 thousand four hundred (10,400) hours within seven (7)  
23 years and obtain a letter of recommendation from the  
24 mentoring physician before applying for prescribing

1 and ordering authority. The mentorship shall also  
2 consist of annual courses certified by the State Board  
3 of Medical Licensure and Supervision dealing with the  
4 administration and prescribing of pharmaceutical  
5 drugs.

6 2. As used in this subsection, "direct supervision" means at  
7 all times having a close and continuing supervisory relationship.  
8 "Direct supervision" means the physician is immediately available  
9 onsite, but does not necessarily require the continuous physical  
10 presence of the physician in the same room as the Certified Nurse  
11 Practitioner.

12 B. Upon receipt of prescribing and ordering authority, the  
13 Certified Nurse Practitioner shall apply for a waiver of supervision  
14 from the State Board of Nursing to prescribe and order without  
15 physician supervision. The Certified Nurse Practitioner shall  
16 submit to the Board the following:

17 1. Proof that the Certified Nurse Practitioner has satisfied  
18 the educational requirements enumerated in Section 567.5a of this  
19 title;

20 2. Proof that the Certified Nurse Practitioner has a valid,  
21 current Certified Nurse Practitioner license issued by the State  
22 Board of Nursing and is in good standing with the Board; and

23 3. If licensed after November 1, 2020, proof that the Advanced  
24 Practice Registered Nurse has completed a mentorship pursuant to

1 this section, including a copy of the mentoring physician's letter  
2 of recommendation.

3 C. 1. The State Board of Nursing shall review the application  
4 for a waiver of supervision and shall approve or reject the  
5 application, stating the reason or reasons for rejection, if  
6 rejected. The Board shall mail the approval or rejection letter to  
7 the applicant within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the  
8 information required in this section. If rejected, the Certified  
9 Nurse Practitioner may reapply for a waiver of supervision using the  
10 process prescribed by this subsection. The Board retains the right  
11 to revoke the waiver for good cause at any time.

12 2. The Board may establish a fee for the review of the initial  
13 application and renewal application of the Certified Nurse  
14 Practitioner.

15 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2-312, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2-312. A. A physician, podiatrist, optometrist or a  
18 dentist who has complied with the registration requirements of the  
19 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, in good faith and in  
20 the course of such person's professional practice only, may  
21 prescribe and administer controlled dangerous substances, or may  
22 cause the same to be administered by medical or paramedical  
23 personnel acting under the direction and supervision of the  
24 physician, podiatrist, optometrist or dentist, and only may dispense



1 controlled dangerous substances pursuant to the provisions of  
2 Sections ~~355~~, 355.1 and 355.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 B. A veterinarian who has complied with the registration  
4 requirements of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, in  
5 good faith and in the course of the professional practice of the  
6 veterinarian only, and not for use by a human being, may prescribe,  
7 administer, and dispense controlled dangerous substances and may  
8 cause them to be administered by an assistant or orderly under the  
9 direction and supervision of the veterinarian.

10 C. An ~~advanced practice nurse~~ Advanced Practice Registered  
11 Nurse who is recognized to prescribe by the Oklahoma Board of  
12 Nursing as an ~~advanced registered nurse practitioner, clinical nurse~~  
13 ~~specialist or certified nurse-midwife~~ a Certified Nurse  
14 Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist or Certified Nurse-Midwife,  
15 who is subject to medical direction by a supervising physician,  
16 pursuant to Section 567.3a of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes or  
17 Section 8 of this act or a Certified Nurse Practitioner who has  
18 obtained a waiver of supervision from the State Board of Medical  
19 Licensure and Supervision, and who has complied with the  
20 registration requirements of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous  
21 Substances Act, in good faith and in the course of professional  
22 practice only, may prescribe and administer Schedule III, IV and V  
23 controlled dangerous substances, and Schedule II controlled  
24 dangerous substances that are attention deficit medication.

1 D. An ~~advanced practice nurse~~ Advanced Practice Registered  
2 Nurse who is recognized to order, select, obtain and administer  
3 drugs by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as a ~~certified registered~~  
4 ~~nurse anesthetist~~ Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist pursuant to  
5 Section 353.1b of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes and who has  
6 complied with the registration requirements of the Uniform  
7 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, in good faith and in the course  
8 of such practitioner's professional practice only, may order,  
9 select, obtain and administer Schedules II through V controlled  
10 dangerous substances in a preanesthetic preparation or evaluation;  
11 anesthesia induction, maintenance or emergence; or postanesthesia  
12 care setting only. A ~~certified registered nurse anesthetist~~  
13 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist may order, select, obtain and  
14 administer such drugs only during the perioperative or  
15 periobstetrical period.

16 E. A physician assistant who is recognized to prescribe by the  
17 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision under the medical  
18 direction of a supervising physician, pursuant to subsection D of  
19 Section 519.6 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and who has  
20 complied with the registration requirements of the Uniform  
21 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, in good faith and in the course  
22 of professional practice only, may prescribe and administer Schedule  
23 II through V controlled dangerous substances.

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SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 567.29 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any Certified Nurse Practitioner who is currently practicing under the supervision of a physician on the effective date of this act from continuing such supervised practice, regardless of whether the Certified Nurse Practitioner meets the requirements for unsupervised practice found in this act.

SECTION 11. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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