Oklahoma Board of Nursing
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Nursing Practice Opinion Requests Procedure

I. Purpose: To provide a consistent mechanism for responding to requests for nursing practice opinions and to develop a form for submitting written requests to the Board.

II. Policy:

A. Requests for nursing practice opinions are received in Board office through telephone calls and/or written requests.

B. Requests are reviewed by Board staff, pursuant to the following considerations:

1. If the question is answerable based upon the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act ("ONPA"), any other applicable law, Rules of the Board or previous action of the Board, Board staff responds to the request by locating ONPA statutes, Rules of the Board, any other applicable law, guidelines, or Declaratory Rulings for the requestor to review.
2. If the question is not clearly answerable based upon the ONPA, any other applicable law, Rules of the Board or previous action taken by Board, then:
    a. The individual is directed to the Board's website (https://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/practice) to access a copy of the Board's *Decision-Making Model for Scope of Nursing Practice Decisions: Determining Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice Guidelines*.
    b. The individual may be provided additional statutes and rules to review and may seek legal counsel of their own choosing if so desired.

C. If the matter is not resolved through step 1 or step 2 of #B above, the individual may request a nursing practice opinion by submitting a completed *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests* form with supporting documentation.

D. Requests for a nursing practice opinion may be subject to review and direction by the Board's legal counsel to determine the appropriate mechanism for addressing the requests.

E. If needed, the *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests* form and documentation may be scheduled for review by appropriate committee(s) of the Board, as follows:
   1. The individual requesting an opinion is notified of the *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests Procedure* and committee meeting date(s).
   2. Board committee(s) may submit recommendations to the Board to address an issue identified through a request for a nursing practice opinion.
   3. The Board reviews committee recommendations and determines the course of action to be taken following an Attorney General anticompetitive review if needed.
   4. The individual requesting the nursing practice opinion is notified of the action of the Board.

F. The request for nursing practice opinion may necessitate other options for resolution, such as a Declaratory Ruling or Position Statement, rather than a resolution through recommendations to the Board from committees.

G. Petitions for Declaratory Ruling must be in compliance with the Rules of the Board, specifically, OAC 485:1-1-5.

III. Regulatory Authority:

59 O.S. §567.1, *et seq.*
OAC 485

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Nursing Practice Opinion Request Form

To Be Completed by Individual Requesting Opinion

1. Name: _____

   Address: _____

   _____
   City State Zip Code

   Telephone Numbers: _____
   Work (area code) + number Home (area code) + number

   Employer's Name: _____

   Employer's Address: _____

   _____
   City State Zip Code

   Job Title: _____

2. Identify the specific nursing practice question(s)/issue that you are asking to be addressed.

3. State your position regarding this issue.

4. Attach documentation regarding the question/issue (such as: literature, position statements, policies, and training requirements).

5. Reason for requesting a nursing practice opinion on the question/issue.