

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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**SUBJECT:** Registered Nurse Practitioner, 17 CAR pt. 122

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Purpose**

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**Background**

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**Key Points**

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**Discussion**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A public hearing was not held on this matter. The public comment period expired March 13, 2026. The agency indicated that it received no public comments.

The proposed effective date is pending legislative review and approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The agency indicated that the rule has no financial impact.

**LEGAL AUTHORIZATION:** The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall have the power and responsibility to promulgate whatever rules it deems necessary for the implementation of Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, concerning nurses. *See* Arkansas Code § 17-87-203(1)(A).

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH  
THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

In order to file a proposed rule for legislative review and approval, please submit this Legislative Questionnaire and Financial Impact Statement, and attach (1) a summary of the rule, describing what the rule does, the rule changes being proposed, and the reason for those changes; (2) both a markup and clean copy of the rule; and (3) all documents required by the Questionnaire.

If the rule is being filed for permanent promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Rebecca Miller-Rice, [miller-ricer@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:miller-ricer@blr.arkansas.gov), for submission to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

If the rule is being filed for emergency promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Director Marty Garrity, [garritym@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:garritym@blr.arkansas.gov), for submission to the Executive Subcommittee.

Please answer each question completely using layman terms.

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1. What is the official title of this rule?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is this rule being filed under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes      No

*If yes, please attach the statement required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(c)(1).*

If yes, will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes      No

4. Is this rule being filed for permanent promulgation? Yes No

If yes, was this rule previously reviewed and approved under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

If yes, what was the effective date of the emergency rule? \_\_\_\_\_

On what date does the emergency rule expire? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is this rule required to comply with a *federal* statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No

If yes, please provide the federal statute, rule, and/or regulation citation.

6. Is this rule required to comply with a *state* statute or rule? Yes No

If yes, please provide the state statute and/or rule citation.

7. Are two (2) rules being repealed in accord with Executive Order 23-02? Yes No

If yes, please list the rules being repealed.

If no, please explain.

8. Is this a new rule? Yes No

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, the proposed repeal should be designated by strikethrough. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please attach both the proposed rule to be repealed and the replacement rule.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, all changes should be indicated by strikethrough and underline. In addition, please be sure to label the markup copy clearly as the markup.

9. What is the state law that grants the agency its rulemaking authority for the proposed rule, outside of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Please provide the specific Arkansas Code citation(s), including subsection(s).

10. Is the proposed rule the result of any recent legislation by the Arkansas General Assembly?  
Yes      No

If yes, please provide the year of the act(s) and act number(s).

11. What is the reason for this proposed rule? Why is it necessary?

12. Please provide the web address by which the proposed rule can be accessed by the public as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-108(b)(1).

13. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be sure to advise Bureau Staff if this information changes for any reason.*

14. On what date does the public comment period expire for the permanent promulgation of the rule? Please provide the specific date. \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the proposed effective date for this rule? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Please attach (1) a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a)(1) and (2) proof of the publication of that notice.

17. Please attach proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(1)(A).

18. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you anticipate will comment on these rules. Please also provide their position (for or against), if known.

19. Is the rule expected to be controversial? Yes No

If yes, please explain.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.**

**DEPARTMENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BOARD/COMMISSION** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the Financial Impact Statement and email it with the questionnaire, summary, markup and clean copy of the rule, and other documents. Please attach additional pages, if necessary.

**TITLE OF THIS RULE** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?  
 Yes                      No
  
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?  
 Yes                      No
  
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes                      No

If no, please explain:

(a) how the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) the reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, how; and

(d) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is within the scope of the agency’s statutory authority, and if so, how.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a *federal* rule or regulation, please state the following:
  - (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, private entity, or private business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Please identify those subject to the rule, and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to a state, county, or municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes      No

If yes, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.



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### 17 CAR Part 122. Registered Nurse Practitioner.

### Subpart 302

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**NO FINANCIAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED**

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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Code of Arkansas Rules.

# Proposed Rulemaking

Title

Promulgated by:  
Arkansas State Board of Nursing

**Title 17. Professions, Occupations, and Businesses**

**Chapter XXII. Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Department of Health**

**Subchapter A. Generally**

**Part 122. Registered Nurse Practitioner**

**Subpart 1. Scope of Practice**

**17 CAR § 122-101. Registered nurse practitioner.**

(a) A registered nurse practitioner is a licensed professional nurse prepared in the manner stated herein who provides direct care to individuals, families, and other groups in a variety of settings, including:

- (1) Homes;
- (2) Hospitals;
- (3) Offices;
- (4) Industry;
- (5) Schools; and
- (6) Other institutions and healthcare settings.

(b) The service provided by the nurse practitioner is directed toward the delivery of primary, secondary, and tertiary care that focuses on the achievement and maintenance of optimal functions in the population.

(c) The nurse practitioner:

(1) Engages in independent decision making about the nursing care needs of clients; and

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(2) Collaborates with health professionals and others in making decisions about other healthcare needs.

(d) The practitioner plans and institutes healthcare programs as a member of the healthcare team.

(e) The nurse practitioner is directly accountable and responsible to the recipient for the quality of care rendered.

(f) Rules that apply to registered nurses are hereby incorporated by reference.

**17 CAR § 122-102. Acts proper to be performed by a registered nurse practitioner.**

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts at the advanced and specialized levels as recognized by the nursing profession and that are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act:

(1) Secures, records, and evaluates the health, psychosocial, and developmental history of patients;

(2) Performs physical examinations using techniques of observation, inspection, auscultation, palpation, and percussion and uses appropriate diagnostic tests;

(3) Discriminates between normal and abnormal findings on the history and physical examination and refers the individuals who need further evaluation or supervision;

(4) Documents the processes of nursing care delivery;

(5) Contributes to the comprehensive care of the ill in collaboration with the healthcare team;

(6) Coordinates healthcare plans to:

(A) Enhance the quality of health care; and

(B) Diminish both fragmentation and duplication of service;

(7) Contributes to the health education of individuals and groups and applies methods designed to increase each person's motivation to assume responsibility for his or her own health care;

(8) Facilitates entry into and through the healthcare system by appropriate route;

(9) Counsels with families and/or individuals regarding:

(A) Family planning;

(B) Pregnancy;

(C) Child care;

(D) Emotional stresses;

(E) Long-term illness; and

(F) General health problems;

(10) Performs periodic health evaluations and plans for health maintenance of clients; and

(11) Conducts community clinics for case finding and screening for health problems.

(b) The board authorizes the registered nurse practitioner, in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, to perform particular acts recognized by the nursing profession and which are in conformity with the Nurse Practice Act:

(1) Assumes responsibility for ongoing health maintenance and clinical management of stable, chronically ill patients;

(2) Provides initial care of emergencies and initiates arrangements for continuing definitive care;

(3) Identifies, manages, and initiates treatment for common medical problems by "protocols" as described in 17 CAR § 122-103; and

(4) Evaluates progress and manages prenatal and postpartum care.

**17 CAR § 122-103. Protocols.**

(a) Any nurse practicing as a registered nurse practitioner shall practice in accordance with protocols developed in collaboration with and signed by a licensed physician.

(b) Protocols shall address:

(1) Established procedures for the management of common medical problems in the practice setting;

(2) The degree to which collaboration, independent action, and supervision are required; and

(3) Acts including but not limited to:

(A) Assessment;

(B) Diagnosis;

(C) Treatment; and

(D) Evaluation.

(c) Protocols shall not include controlled substances.

(d) **Documentation.**

(1) Orders transmitted from protocols shall be documented on the client's medical record.

(2) Orders transmitted from protocols to inpatient medical records shall contain:

(A) Name of medication, therapeutic device, or treatment;

(B) Strength;

(C) Dose;

(D) Length of time or amount prescribed;

(E) Directions for use;

(F) RNP signature; and

(G) Physician's name, printed, followed by notation "protocol".

(e) Any deviation from written protocols shall require:

(1) A specific written or verbal order from the collaborating physician before the order is transmitted or implemented; and

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(2) Documentation in the medical record as specified in subdivisions (d)(2)(A) – (F) of this section and notation that order was by consultation, to be signed by the RNP.

**(f) Review of protocols.**

(1) The RNP shall:

- (A) Document annual joint review with the licensed physician; and
- (B) Revise when necessary.

(2) The RNP shall, upon request, provide the Arkansas State Board of Nursing with current protocols.

(g) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit any registered nurse practitioner from:

- (1) Transmitting a prescription order orally or telephonically; or
- (2) Administering a legend drug pursuant to a lawful direction of a licensed physician, dentist, or advanced practice nurse who holds a certificate of prescriptive authority.

**17 CAR § 122-104. Services and responsibilities.**

The RNP shall, upon request of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, provide documentation outlining the:

- (1) Extent of services, responsibilities, and required supervision of nurse practitioners; and
- (2) Accompanying responsibilities of collaborating physicians.

**17 CAR § 122-105. Delegated acts.**

The registered nurse practitioner shall demonstrate competence in any act or procedure delegated by the collaborating physician.

**Subpart 2. Licensure**

**17 CAR § 122-201. Licensure generally.**

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Initial licensing of registered nurse practitioners terminated on November 30, 2000.

**17 CAR § 122-202. Renewal.**

(a) The date for renewal of licensure to practice as a registered nurse practitioner shall coincide with the renewal of the applicant's registered nurse license.

(b) An application for renewal of a registered nurse practitioner license shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:

- (1) A completed application form; and
- (2) Payment of the nonrefundable renewal fee.

**17 CAR § 122-203. Lapsed license.**

(a) The license is lapsed if not renewed or placed in an inactive status by the expiration date.

(b) Failure to receive the renewal notice at the last address of record at the Arkansas State Board of Nursing office shall not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license by the expiration date.

(c) Any licensee whose license has lapsed shall submit to the board:

- (1) A completed board renewal application form; and
- (2) The renewal fee and the reinstatement fee.

(d) Fees are nonrefundable.

(e) Any person practicing as a registered nurse practitioner during the time his or her license has lapsed shall be:

- (1) Considered an illegal practitioner; and
- (2) Subjected to the penalties provided for violation of the Nurse Practice Act.

**17 CAR § 122-204. Inactive status.**

(a) Any licensee who desires to temporarily inactivate their registered nurse practitioner license shall submit a request to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(b) The current license shall be placed on inactive status.

(c) While the license is inactive, the licensee shall not engage in registered nurse practitioner nursing nor be subject to the payment of renewal fees.

(d) If the nurse desires to resume practice, he or she shall:

- (1) Submit a reinstatement application; and
- (2) Meet the continuing education requirements.

(e) If disciplinary proceedings on an inactive licensee have been initiated, the license shall not be reinstated until the proceedings have been completed.

### Subpart 3. Name or Address Change

#### 17 CAR § 122-301. Name change.

A licensee whose name is legally changed shall submit:

- (1) A name change request;
- (2) A copy of marriage license or court action; and
- (3) The required fee.

#### 17 CAR § 122-302. Address change.

A licensee ~~whose address changes from the address on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall immediately notify the board in writing of the change shall immediately notify the Arkansas State Board of Nursing in writing of a change in:~~

- (1) ~~mailing address,~~
- (2) ~~residential address,~~
- (3) ~~email address, or~~
- (4) ~~telephone number.~~

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### Subpart 4. Licensure for Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses

#### 17 CAR § 122-401. Extension of licensure expiration date.

(a) Upon written request and submission of appropriate documentation, a deployed uniformed service member or spouse shall be allowed an extension of the expiration date without penalty or assessment of a late fee for renewing the nursing license.

(b) The extension shall be effective for one hundred eighty (180) days after the service member or spouse returns from active deployment.

**17 CAR § 122-402. Waiver of continuing education.**

(a) Upon written request and submission of appropriate documentation the continuing education requirements for license renewal shall be waived for:

- (1) A uniformed service member who is deployed; or
- (2) The spouse of a deployed uniformed service member.

(b) This waiver shall be extended until one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.