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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1216

By: Representative Shelby

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO DEVELOP A JOINT APPLICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Joint application for a collaborative agreements.

(a) The Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall develop a joint application for collaborative agreements between collaborating physicians and advanced practice nurses.

(b) The application required under subsection (a) of this act shall include at a minimum:

(1) The physical locations of the practices of the collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse;

(2) The manner of communication between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse;

(3) The specialty and scope of practice of the collaborating



1 physician and the advanced practice nurse;

2 (4) The quality assurance plan to be used by the collaborating  
3 physician and the advanced practice nurse;

4 (5) A copy of the collaborative agreement between the  
5 collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse exclusive of specific  
6 practice protocols; and

7 (6) The method of assuring that patients are aware of the  
8 collaborative agreement arrangement between the collaborating physician and  
9 the advanced practice nurse.

10 (c) If either the Arkansas State Medical Board or the Arkansas State  
11 Board of Nursing makes a substantive change in one (1) or more of the items  
12 listed in subsection (b) of this act, the board making the change shall  
13 immediately notify the other board of the change.

14 (d) The Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of  
15 Nursing shall develop joint criteria for reviewing compliance by their  
16 licensees with the rules developed under this act for the application for a  
17 collaborative agreement.

18 (e) On or before December 31, 2009, the Arkansas State Medical Board  
19 and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall present the rules developed to  
20 implement this act to the Legislative Council.