

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1525

5 By: Representative Magie
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD
9 AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO DEVELOP A
10 *JOINT APPLICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE*
11 *AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS AND*
12 *ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; AND FOR OTHER*
13 *PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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18 *BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF*
19 *NURSING TO DEVELOP A JOINT APPLICATION*
20 *FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS*
21 *BETWEEN COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS AND*
22 *ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.*
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2, is*
28 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

29 17-87-208. Joint application for collaborative practice agreements.

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

34 (b) The application required under subsection (a) of this section
35 shall include without limitation:

36 (1) The physical locations of the practices of the collaborating



1 physician and the advanced practice registered nurses;

2 (2) The manner of communication between the collaborating
3 physician and the advanced practice registered nurse, including the
4 availability of the collaborating physician for consultation or referral, or
5 both;

6 (3) The names and professional titles of the collaborating
7 physician and the advanced practice registered nurse;

8 (4)(A) The scope of practice, specialty, or expertise of the
9 collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse.

10 (B) The scope of practice, specialty, or expertise of the
11 collaborating physician shall be comparable to the scope of practice,
12 specialty, or expertise of the advanced practice registered nurse with whom
13 the collaborating physician wishes to enter into a collaborative practice
14 agreement;

15 (5) The quality assurance plan to be used by the collaborating
16 physician and the advanced practice registered nurse;

17 (6) A copy of the collaborative practice agreement between the
18 collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse exclusive
19 of specific practice protocols;

20 (7) The certification of the collaborating physician that he or
21 she is responsible for ensuring that each patient receives written
22 documentation containing contact information for the collaborating physician,
23 including without limitation his or her full name, address, and telephone
24 number, as well as contact information for emergency care as described under
25 subdivision (b)(9) of this section;

26 (8) The methods of management of the collaborative practice
27 agreement including the protocols for prescriptive authority;

28 (9) In the absence of the collaborating physician or advanced
29 practice registered nurse, the documentation of the coverage available for
30 the healthcare needs of a patient in an emergency;

31 (10) The certification of the collaborating physician and the
32 advanced practice registered nurse that the collaborating physician and the
33 advanced practice registered nurse are required to notify the Arkansas State
34 Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing when:

35 (A) A material change occurs in the collaborative practice
36 agreement or the practice of either the collaborating physician or the

1 advanced practice registered nurse;

2 (B) The collaborative practice agreement is terminated; or

3 (C) The information on the application changes.

4 (3) The specialty and scope of practice of the collaborating
5 physician and the advanced practice nurse;

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

8 (5) A copy of the collaborative agreement between the
9 collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse exclusive of specific
10 practice protocols.

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

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

19 (e) On or before December 31, 2017, the Arkansas State Medical Board
20 and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall present the rules developed to
21 implement this act to the Legislative Council.

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