

Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
Collaborative Practice Policy

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I. PURPOSE:

The APRN Collaborative Practice Policy is a medical staff policy to address changes in the Rules of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), requiring organizational policy addressing alternate collaborating physicians for APRNs with prescriptive authority.

II. POLICY:

This policy defines general guidelines for Collaborative & Supervising (Alternate) Physician(s) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Policy identifies the process for designation of Supervising (Alternate) Physician(s) for APRNs. The Supervising (Alternate) Physician(s) must meet all conditions as required of the approved collaborating physician as defined in Chapter 45 of LSBN's rules.

III. DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

Medical Staff Services and all Clinical Departments

IV. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA);** refers to the formal written statement addressing the parameters of the collaborative practice which are mutually agreed upon by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and one or more licensed physician(s). Advanced practice registered nursing includes certain acts of medical diagnosis and prescription, and per LAC 46:XLVII.4513B, these acts must be in accordance with the collaborative practice agreement.
 - B. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN);** with regards to this policy applies to all APRNs that are required to submit an application for prescriptive authority to the LSBN and who engage in medical diagnosis and management.
 - C. Collaborating Physician (CP);** physician(s) with whom an APRN has been approved to collaborate with by the LSBN and who may also serves as a supervising physician as indicated in the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules & Regulations.
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- D. Alternate Collaborating Physician (ACP);** physician who is listed on the form attached to the CPA form in the APRN's credential file and who serves as an alternate to the CP for consultation and collaboration according to the CPA and who may serve as a supervising physician as indicated in the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules & Regulations.
- E. Supervising Physician (SP);** physician who agrees to serve in this capacity according to the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules & Regulations.

V. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- A.** All APRNs who request prescriptive authority and physician collaboration must submit to the Medical Staff Services Department a copy of their CPA along with a list of designated ACPs at initial appointment, reappointment, and upon any changes to the collaborative practice agreement. All submitted CPAs must be in the form of the prescribed CPA template required by the LSBN.
 - 1. CPA will be maintained with the APRN's credentialing file.
 - 2. It is the APRNs responsibility to notify the Medical Staff Services Department of any changes, otherwise the CPA on file is assumed a true and current copy.
- B.** Collaborating and ACPs shall have the same role, responsibilities, and oversight of the APRN as indicated on the CPA.
- C.** Supervising Physician shall supervise the activities of the APRN in the care of any patient who they are co-managing. The SP should be listed as a CP or an ACP in the APRN's credentials file when he/she routinely manages patients with that APRN.

VI. RESPONSIBILITY:

Questions concerning this policy and recommended revisions shall be directed to the Medical Staff Credentialing Supervisor, Hospital Medical Director, or designee.

VII. APPROVAL:

Policy reviewed and approved by the Allied Health Credentials Committee, Credentials Committee, and Medical Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENT: LSBN's Collaborative Practice Agreement template

REFERENCES: Rules of the Louisiana Board of Nursing published in the *Louisiana Register*

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