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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 610
Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No.: 610-X-6-.14
Rule Title: Intravenous (IV) Therapy By Licensed Practical Nurses
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Handwritten signature and date 7/20/2023

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board proposes to amend the rule to allow LPNs to perform administration through a PICC or midline catheter under specific circumstances. As a rule change reducing a regulatory burden and protecting the public health, the proposal is excepted from the provisions of Executive Order No. 735.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or verbal comments will be accepted until Monday, September 4, 2023. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Monday, September 4, 2023

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Peggy Sellers Benson, Executive Officer



(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

610-X-6-.14

Intravenous (IV) Therapy By Licensed Practical Nurses.

(1) A licensed facility may develop a standardized procedure, as defined in Rule 610-X-6-.12, for intravenous (IV) therapy by a licensed practical nurse.

(2) The minimum requirements for a licensed practical nurse to perform IV therapy includes successful completion of an organized program of study, supervised clinical practice, and demonstrated clinical competence, initially and at periodic intervals, according to the requirements of Rule 610-X-6-.12.

(3) The minimum training for the licensed practical nurse who performs selected tasks associated with IV therapy shall include:

(a) Anatomy and physiology.

(b) Fluid and electrolyte balance.

(c) Equipment and procedures utilized in intravenous therapy.

(d) Complications, prevention, and nursing intervention.

(e) Introducing a peripheral intravenous device on an adult patient.

(f) Set-up, replacement, and removal of intravenous tubing for gravity flow and/or pump infusion.

(g) Intravenous fluid infusion calculations and adjustment of flow rates on intravenous fluids and administration of intravenous medications by piggyback.

(h) Procedures for reconstituting and administering intravenous medications via piggyback, including but not limited to pharmacology, compatibilities, and flow rates.

(4) Medications may be administered by licensed practical nurses through a peripheral intravenous catheter by intravenous push, provided the following criteria are met:

(a) A complete standardized procedure application is submitted and approved by the Board prior to implementation.

(b) The medication(s) does not require the substantial skill, judgment, and knowledge of a registered nurse.

(c) On-site supervision by a registered nurse any time an IV push medication therapy is performed by a licensed practical nurse.

1. The registered nurse is required to be physically present and immediately available in the facility.
2. Heparin (10 units: 1 ml) flush or saline flush via a peripheral IV line is not a medication within the meaning of these rules.

(d) Medications that may be administered by peripheral IV push by a licensed practical nurse, if identified in the licensed hospital's standardized procedure include, but are not limited to the following:

1. H2 blockers.
2. Analgesics.
3. Antiemetics.
4. Antibiotics.
5. Fifty percent (50%) dextrose in an emergency situation.

(5) The minimum training for the licensed practical nurse who performs selected tasks associated with IV push therapy shall include:

(a) Pharmacology of specific drugs and reversal agents, if applicable, including but not limited to:

1. Classification.
2. Indications.
3. Usual IV dosage.
4. Dilution.
5. Contraindications and precautions.
6. Side effects.
7. Antidote, if applicable.
8. Nursing considerations and implications.

(b) Procedure for reconstituting medications including compatibilities.

(c) Technique of medication administration by IV push.

(6) Tasks that shall not be performed by a licensed practical nurse include:

(a) Initiation of intravenous therapy in a neonate.

(b) Administration of:

1. Solutions requiring titration. Solutions, such as heparin drips, that require changes based on lab results subject to written orders or protocol, are not solutions requiring titration for purposes of these rules.

2. Plasma volume expanders.

3. Fibrinolytic or thrombolytic agents.

4. GP-II-B-III-A inhibitors, also known as platelet-aggregate inhibitors.

5. Hyperalimentation administered by routes other than peripheral intravenous catheter.

6. IV medications for the purposes of moderate sedation or anesthesia.

7. IV medications via push or bolus through a central line including a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC). This prohibition shall not apply to stable patients with a PICC or midline catheter in a home health setting, acute care facility, hospice or a Hospital At Home Program with an approved standardized procedure, as provided in §610-X-6-.12. Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, indirect supervision by a registered nurse shall be sufficient for LPNs practicing as provided in this subsection.

8. IV push insulin or chemotherapeutic agents. This does not preclude hanging a pre-mixed bag of fluids containing additives, except for insulin and chemotherapeutic agents.

9. Any other drugs deemed to be inappropriate by the licensed hospital's standardized procedure.

(c) Accessing or programming an implanted IV infusion pump.

(d) Performance of the repair of a central venous route access device.

(e) Performance of therapeutic phlebotomy.

(f) Direct access of a central venous route access device, including but not limited to:

1. Implanted ports for intravenous therapy.

2. Lines used for hemodynamic monitoring.

3. Central venous catheters and devices, including Groshong catheters, Hickman catheters, and peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC). These rules do not prohibit licensed practical nurses from administering medications via piggyback or in secondary solutions via central lines.

(7) Each facility in which licensed practical nurses will perform selected tasks associated with administration of blood and blood components shall have an approved standardized procedure on file with the Board, prior to implementation. The minimum training for those licensed practical nurses who perform selected tasks associated with administration of blood and blood components shall include:

(a) Anatomy and physiology.

(b) Fluid and electrolyte balance.

(c) Equipment and procedures utilized in blood and blood components administration therapy.

(d) Complications, prevention, and nursing intervention.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(c)(21).

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