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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 610

Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Nursing

Rule No.: 610-X-9-.23

Rule Title: Authorization For Practice As A Certified Nurse
Midwife

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or
endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

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

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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.

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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

Natalie Baker
Natalie Baker

Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: 610-X-9-.23 Authorization For Practice As A Certified
Nurse Midwife

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes amending the subject rule to allow nurse midwives employed by the Board to use the title CRNP, irrespective of whether the individual nurse midwife maintains an active collaboration during the period of employment with the Board.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or verbal comments will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 and may be directed to PO Box 303100, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, by telephone to 334-293-5200, or email to Natalie.Baker@abn.alabama.gov.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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

**Authorization For Practice As A Certified Nurse
Midwife.**

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of qualification for advanced practice nursing as a nurse midwife to applicants who meet all requirements of 610-X-5-.14.

(2) Use of the designation "CNM" or of any titles that imply that they are certified nurse midwives shall be restricted to those registered nurses who have been issued certificates of qualification by the Board of Nursing and either:

(a) Have current approval for collaborative practice in the state of Alabama.

(b) Are employed by the United States government and working in federal facilities.

(c) Hold teaching positions in nurse midwife education programs recognized by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Prior to approval as a CNM, the registered nurse may use only the designation or title granted by the national certifying agency.

(d) Are employed by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

(3) When for any reason the collaborative practice agreement with the physician designated in the application for approval is terminated, then approval of such certified nurse midwife and collaborating physician designated in the application is automatically withdrawn.

(a) The certified nurse midwife and the physician shall each inform their respective board in writing of the effective date of the termination of the collaborative practice agreement and the reasons for such termination. Failure to notify the respective board of termination may be considered a violation of these rules and regulations.

(b) The certified nurse midwife shall notify the Board of Nursing using the designated on-line form for terminating a collaboration.

(c) A certified nurse midwife in a collaborative practice which is voluntarily terminated by either party is responsible for notifying the Board of Nursing of the date on which the collaborative practice agreement terminates. Notification to the Board of Nursing by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners that a physician has voluntarily terminated a collaborative practice agreement will meet the notification requirement and will result

in termination of the certified nurse midwife's approval to practice under the collaborative practice agreement.

(4) The advanced practice approval shall expire prior to the RN license if the advanced practice national specialty certification expires during the license period.

(5) Approval for advance practice may be continued at the time of renewal, upon verification of:

(a) Meeting the requirements of Rule 610-X-5-.14.

(b) Continued collaboration with the approved physician(s) or eligibility for continued exemption from collaboration.

(c) Payment of the advanced practice nursing renewal fee.

(d) Six contact hours of pharmacology content specific to prescriptive practice in the approved area for collaborative practice. Graduate pharmacology academic credit earned during the nurse midwife educational program prior to initial approval as a CNM does not qualify as pharmacology continuing education for renewal of approval as a CNM.

(e) Documented evidence of completion of continuing education prescribed by the Board of Nursing regarding the rules and statutes governing collaborative practice in Alabama, not more than forty-eight (48) months prior to or within twelve (12) months of commencement of the collaborative practice.

(6) Failure to meet the requirements for renewal shall result in lapse of the advanced practice approval.

(7) A nurse who fails to attain or maintain national certification as a nurse midwife from the American College of Nurse Midwives Certification Council shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board of Nursing.

(b) Not practice or use the title of certified nurse midwife until approved by the Board of Nursing.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-21-85, 34-21-90.

History: New Rule: Published November 26, 2025; effective January 10, 2026. Amended: Published ; effective .