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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-.22
Rule Title: Application For Approval To 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

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

Natalie Baker
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Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 MAR 17, 2026

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes amending the subject rule to eliminate the requirement for CNM applicants to have practiced for 3000 hours as RNs or APRNs prior to approval in Alabama, pending further analysis and discussion among nurses, educators, and employers.

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)

610-X-9-.22

**Application For Approval To Practice As A
Certified Nurse Midwife.**

(1) The applicant for approval to practice as a certified nurse midwife shall submit to the Board:

(a) The required fee(s) and a completed application including the standard protocol to be followed by the certified nurse midwife and each collaborating physician, unless application is made for an exemption from a collaborative practice agreement as provided in Rule 610-X-5-.18.

(b) An official transcript of education for advanced practice nursing as a nurse midwife that indicates the date of completion of the program and the date the degree or certificate was conferred if the dates are not the same.

(c) Official evidence of current certification as a certified nurse midwife by the American College of Nurse Midwives Certification Council.

~~(d) Effective January 31, 2027, documented evidence of at least 3000 hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting as either a registered nurse or an advanced practice nurse.~~

(2) The Board of Nursing may decline to consider an applicant who is under investigation for a potential violation of the Code Ala. 1975, Section 34-21-25 and the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-8.

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 _____ .