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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 21st day of August, 2019, and filed with the agency secretary on the 21st day of August, 2019.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Amendment  New  Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 540-X-8-.06(5)

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Authorization for Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

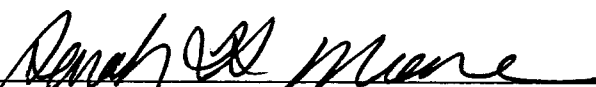
ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

No comments received. Rule adopted without changes from the proposal.

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Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Code of Alabama §§ 34-24-53, 34-21-80 through 93.1

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LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

540-X-8-.06 Authorization for Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse

Practitioner.

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of qualification for advanced practice nursing as a certified registered nurse practitioner to applicants who meet the requirements of Rule 540-X-8-.03

(2) Only those registered nurses who have been issued a certificate of qualification by the Board of Nursing and have current approval for collaborative practice from the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners may hold themselves out to be certified registered nurse practitioners, use the designation "CRNP," or use titles to imply that they are certified registered nurse practitioners. Prior to approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner, the registered nurse may use only the designation or title granted by the specialty certifying agency.

(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 registered nurse practitioner and collaborating physician designated in the application is automatically withdrawn.

(a) The certified registered nurse practitioner 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 registered nurse practitioner shall notify the Board of Nursing using the on-line form "Terminate an Existing Collaboration."

(c) A certified registered nurse practitioner in a collaborative practice which is voluntarily terminated by either part 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 registered nurse practitioner's approval to practice under the collaborative practice agreement.

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

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

(a) Meeting the requirements of Rule 540-X-8-.03.

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

(c) Payment of the advanced practice 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 practitioner educational program prior to initial approval as a CRNP does not qualify as pharmacology continuing education for renewal of approval as a CRNP.

(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 specialty certification as a nurse

practitioner from a specialty certification agency shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board of Nursing.

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

(8) The registered nurse who has been issued a certificate of qualification as a certified registered nurse practitioner from the Board of Nursing may use the designation specific to the authorization, as follows:

(a) "CRNP - Faculty." The registered nurse who:

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.03.

2. Holds a teaching position in a nurse practitioner education program recognized by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

3. Has made application for approval with the exception of the protocol for the certified registered nurse practitioner and physician as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.05.

4. Requests approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner without prescriptive authority in order to supervise nurse practitioner students in direct care of patients in clinical settings where there is a certified registered nurse practitioner in an approved collaborative practice or a physician who is present to oversee patient care.

(b) "CRNP - Federal Only" The registered nurse who:

1. Meets all qualifications for approval as a certified registered nurse practitioner as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.03.

2. Is employed by the United States government.

3. Requests an exemption from collaborative practice with a physician

licensed to practice medicine in Alabama.

4. Is authorized for practice with prescriptive authority under established federal regulations and guidelines limited to the employing federal agency.

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