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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Primary care physician is defined and the primary care physician mileage is extended if certain conditions are met.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 73-43-11

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Part 2630

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

- An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

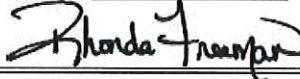
If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.



**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

- Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Action proposed:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference <b>Proposed final effective date:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Date Proposed Rule Filed:</b> _____ <b>Action taken:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed <b>Effective date:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

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Part 2630 *Collaboration*

**Part 2630 Chapter 1: Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners**

*Rule 1.1 Scope.* These rules apply to all individuals licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in the state of Mississippi.

*Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).*

*Rule 1.2 Definitions.* For the purpose of Part 2630, Chapter 1 only, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

- A. “Physician” means any person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in the state of Mississippi who holds an unrestricted license or whose practice or prescriptive authority is not limited as a result of voluntary surrender or legal/regulatory order.
- B. “Primary Care Physician” means a physician whose practice is limited to, or defined as, Family Practice, General Internal Medicine, and/or General Pediatrics.
- C. “Free Standing Clinic” means a clinic or other facility wherein patients are treated by a nurse practitioner, which is more than seventy-five (75) miles away from the primary office of the collaborative/consultative physician. Excluded from this definition are all licensed hospitals, state health department facilities, federally qualified community health clinics and volunteer clinics.
- D. “Primary Office” means the usual practice location of a physician and being the same location reported by that physician to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.
- E. “Collaborating/Consulting Physician” means a physician who, pursuant to a duly executed protocol, has agreed to collaborate/consult with a nurse practitioner.
- F. “Nurse Practitioner” means any person licensed to practice nursing in the state of Mississippi and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing to practice in an expanded role as a nurse practitioner.

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*Rule 1.3 Board Review.* Physicians who wish to collaborate/consult with a nurse practitioner who plans or anticipates practicing in a free standing clinic, must first (a) appear personally or by telephone before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and/or the Joint Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and the Board of Nursing if the Board of Medical Licensure determines that the collaborative/consultative relationship may not be approved absent action from the Joint Committee, (b) present and discuss the protocol, and (c) obtain approval from the Board to act as a collaborating/consulting physician. The facts and matters to be considered by the Board shall include, but are not limited to, how the collaborating/consulting physician and nurse practitioner plan to implement the protocol, the method and manner of collaboration, consultation, and referral.

The requirement for Board appearance and approval set forth in the preceding paragraph also applies to any physician collaborating/consulting with a nurse practitioner who later moves to a free standing clinic under an existing protocol.

Where a nurse practitioner is practicing in a free standing clinic pursuant to an existing protocol as of the effective date of this regulation, the requirements of personal appearance or telephone interview and Board approval set forth in the paragraph above shall not be required until the next succeeding renewal date for said certificate as required by the Mississippi State Board of Nursing.

Where two or more physicians anticipate executing a protocol to collaborate/consult with a nurse practitioner practicing in a free standing clinic, it shall not be necessary that all of the physicians personally appear before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure as required in the preceding paragraph. In this situation, the physician who will bear the primary responsibility for the collaboration/consultation with the nurse practitioner shall make the required personal appearance or telephone interview.

Each collaborative/consultative relationship shall include and implement a formal quality improvement program which shall be maintained on site and shall be available for inspection by representatives of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. The quality assurance/quality improvement program shall consist of:

- A. Review by collaborative physician of a random sample of charts that represent 10% or 20 charts, whichever is less, of patients seen by the nurse practitioner every month. Charts should represent the variety of patient types seen by the nurse practitioner. Patients that the nurse practitioner and collaborating physician have consulted on during the month will count as one chart review.
- B. The nurse practitioner shall maintain a log of charts reviewed which include the identifier for the patient's charts, reviewers' names, and dates of review.
- C. Each nurse practitioner shall meet face to face with a collaborating physician once per quarter for the purpose of quality assurance and this meeting should be documented.

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Rule 1.4 Collaborative/Consultative Relationships. Physicians with collaborative relationships with APRN must ensure backup physician coverage when the primary collaborative physician is unavailable. The backup physician must be on APRN protocol. In the event of death, disability (physical/mental), or relocation, which would result in the APRN not having a collaborative physician, the APRN has the duty to immediately notify the Mississippi Board of Nursing as jointly agreed by the Mississippi Board of Nursing and the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure. The Nursing Board will then immediately notify the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

In order that patients may continue to be treated without interruption of care, the APRN may be allowed to continue to practice for a 90-day grace period while the APRN attempts to secure a collaborative physician without such practice being considered the practice of medicine. The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, or its designee, will serve as the APRN's collaborative physician with the agreement of the Mississippi Board of Nursing. The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and the Mississippi State Board of Nursing will assist the APRN in their attempt to secure a collaborative physician. If a collaborative physician has not been secured at the end of the 90-day grace period, an additional 90-day extension may be granted by mutual agreement of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Board of Nursing and the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. During this additional 90-day extension, the above described collaborative agreement will continue. The APRN will not be allowed to practice until the previously described collaborative arrangement with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure is agreed upon.

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Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended)*.

*Rule 1.7 Effective Date of Regulation.* The above rules pertaining to collaborating/consulting physicians shall become effective September 21, 1991.

**Amended May 19, 2005. Amended March 13, 2009. Amended November 19, 2009. Amended July 14, 2011, Amended May 4, 2016.**

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