



## Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Nursing

### Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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#### 1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

##### **12 AAC 44.720 Disciplinary Guidelines**

- The proposed regulations copy the already existing guidelines from Centralized Regulations for imposing a \$5,000 civil fine as a disciplinary measure to the Nursing Regulations. This ensures that possible disciplinary actions for nurses are easier to locate.

##### **• If the board already has the authority to impose civil fines in centralized regulation, why does it also need to be included in nursing regulations?**

Nurses often refer only to nursing regulations when researching various topics around nursing practice. By including civil fines in nursing regulation, it is easier to find possible disciplinary actions.

##### **12 AAC 44.925 Standards of Practice for Telehealth**

- This project will align nursing regulations with the new state telehealth law. This regulation provides guidance to APRNs practicing telehealth in Alaska.

##### **• Does this regulation allow APRNs to prescribe controlled substances without an in-person visit?**

No. The new telehealth law is what allows APRNs to prescribe controlled substances without an in-person visit. This regulation simply provides guidance for APRNs when working under the new telehealth law. For additional information about the new telehealth law, please go to: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/TelehealthInformation.aspx>

#### 2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There is no expected cost to comply with the proposed regulations.

### **3. When will the regulations be effective?**

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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