

<u>Category</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Interested Party</u>
Scope CN A	NON DELEGATABLE DUTIES to a CNA	The following are not to be delegated to UAPs: Insertion of Foley catheters, discontinuing IV locks, discontinuing NG tubes.	Sep-05 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Bartlett Memorial Hospital
Scope Suturing	Central Lines-stabilizing peripherally inserted central catheter lines	Stabilizing the peripherally inserted central catheter lines through the use of a nylon suture is within a registered nurse's scope of practice. Specialized training is required in accordance with the position statement, "Registered Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Scopes of Practice."	June-96 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Valley Hospital
Scope Wound	Conservative sharp debridement	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska finds that conservative sharps debridement is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse who has specialized certification, which documents education with supervised clinical practice under a wound care specialist, the nurse's employer has a policy and procedure in place, there is a health care provider order, and the nurse has evidence of continued competence or ongoing certification.	October-09 Revised 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope Airway	Intubation	A registered nurse may not intubate on a regular basis. New scopes of responsibilities may be defined by formalized courses of study. SEE MARCH 2007 LARYNGEAL MASK AIRWAY.	June-01 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Alaska Native Medical Center
Scope Airway	Ventilators	A nurse may not initiate or set up ventilators.	October-96 Re-approved Jan 2017	Brenda Sturn

Scope assessments	LPN scope of Practice in Residential Detox Centers	The Board reiterated regulation 12AAC 44.990 which states that LPNs are only to perform focused assessments. It is not within the scope of practice for LPNs to perform initial assessments on detox patients. For more details see the October 2012 Board Meeting minutes page 10.	October-08 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Alaska Division of Behavioral Health John Williams, RN
Scope assessments	SEARHC request for RNs to perform clinical breast exams	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, upon receipt of an institutional nursing policy from SEARHC Wisewoman Woman's Health Program approves RNs to perform clinical breast exams, according to the Clinical Breast examination training & certification from Mammacare	April-12 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Letia Garrison, RN and Nancy Bleir, RN
Scope assessments	Vital signs	Vital signs on admit done by UAP are data collection only and must be reported to Registered Nurse (12 AAC 44.955(b)(2))	September-05 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Sara Harvison, Division of Juvenile Justice
Scope circumcision	Alaska Neonatology Associates	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the expanded scope of practice to perform infant circumcision to Alaska Neonatology Associates, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, upon completion of the approved expanded scope of practice information submitted to the BON in April 2013 .	April-13 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Kristin Birdsong and Carol Greene Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

Scope cosmetic	Eyelash extensions	The Board determined that it would not be regulating cosmetic procedures such as these and that RNs who wished to receive cosmetic or aesthetic type certifications should consult with the appropriate governing boards	April-13 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Lori McAffe, RN
Scope cosmetic	Hair grafts	Performing the procedure of multiple apparatus for forming multiple cavities for placement of hair grafts is not within a registered nurse's scope of practice.	September-99 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	query from MD
Scope ENT	Ear Lavage	The Board affirms that a facility should have a policy and procedure that is within the scope of practice for an RN or Licensed Practical Nurse. It is outside the scope of duties of a Certified Nurse Aide.	July-09 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope foot care	Diabetic foot and nail care	The Board notes that an advisory opinion issued in September 1997 recognized diabetic foot care as within the scope of practice of a Registered Nurse with specialized training.	September-07 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Lisa Garneau, RN, Kathleen Eischen RN
Scope foot care	Diabetic foot care	Diabetic foot care has restrictions and the board recommends special training. A specialist should be consulted for diabetics and clients with compromised circulation. SEE SEPTEMBER 2007.	September-97 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Scope GI	Advancing colonoscopy scope	Advancing colonoscopy scope by Registered Nurse with direct MD supervision; approve the endoscope training course proposed for Fairbanks Memorial Hospital excluding the grandfather clause and with Debra Allen, RNC to go through the process and be checked off before serving as an instructor.	September-03 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
Scope GI	Stool Impaction removal	The Board affirms that it is within the scope of practice for an RN and Licensed Practical Nurse but outside the duty of a Certified Nurse Aide	July-09 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope OR	Registered Nurse First Assist update	Board adopts the current AORN position statement on RN First Assist. This function is an expanded RN role. The position statement on RN First Assist was approved by the AORN House of Delegates, December 2005. The surgeon must directly supervise the nurse. The position statement includes, " A nurse may not practice under standing orders or protocols that require the nurse to make medical judgments outside the nurse's scope of practice."	January-10 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope phlebotomy	PHLEBOTOMY Can a Certified Nurse Aide perform phlebotomy?	It was reaffirmed that certified nurse aides may not perform phlebotomies as this is outside their scope of duties referenced by 12 AAC 44.955 (b)(4).	Jul-09 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope phlebotomy	Therapeutic phlebotomy	A nurse may perform therapeutic phlebotomy if there are policies and procedures and proof of specialized training and certification.	March-97 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	

Scope radiology	X-RAYS CNAs may not take X-Rays	The Board of Nursing has determined it is beyond the scope of practice for an ANP, RN, LPN, or CNA to perform x-rays and radiological procedures involving the use of contrast media, use of fluoroscopic equipment, mammography, tomography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), bone densitometry using ionizing radiation, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, or computed tomography imaging (CT scan).	Apr-06 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope radiology	CRNAs with specified fluoroscopic training	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska has determined that CRNAs with specified fluoroscopic training and a minimum of 10 hour of instruction in the safe operation of the fluoroscope may operate medical fluoroscopic equipment under authority AS 18.60.475, AS 18.60.485 and 7 AAC 18.420(c).	April-11 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	
Scope School nurse	LPN scope of practice in schools	An LPN may not work independently as a school nurse.	March-01 Re-approved Jan 2017	Response to letter from Geis, RN with copy to Fairbanks School District
Scope School nurse	School Nurse clarification of feeding tubes Regulation 12 AAC 44.960(7) adding fluid to established gastrostomy tube feedings and changing established tube feeding bags.	The Board offered clarification: "established" means a well healed stoma when the term involves routine feedings. Feedings through a well healed stoma is a delegable task which can be delegated in a school setting based on the delegation regulations.	October-12 Re-approved Jan 2017	Mary Bell, RN, Alaska School Nurse Consultant

Scope School nurse	School Nurse presented Medication Administration Course for Unlicensed Staff	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska accepts the "State of Alaska Medication Administration: Guide for Training Unlicensed School Staff" as presented to the Board (at the October 2012 Board meeting). This medication administration course will be part of the State of Alaska School Health Manual.	October-12 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Mary Bell, RN, Alaska School Nurse Consultant
Scope School nurse	School Nurses (RN)	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adopt the 'Medication Administration in the School Setting' Delegation Decision Tree as an advisory opinion based on 12 AAC 44.950 – 12 AAC 44.975	April-12 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Mary Bell, RN and Nancy Etl, RN
Scope School nurse	School Nurses (RN) in regards to out of state field trips that delegation to a UAP	It was advised that a power of attorney is an option for the parent or guardian to assign prior to the field trip. The other option is to have the parent delegate to someone on the field trip to manage their child's health need. The school nurse can teach the field trip's UAP after the parent has delegated to the UAP. By using one of these methods the school nurse is not delegating to a UAP.	July-12 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Mary Bell, RN
Scope School nurse	School Nurses Diabetic Management Training Guide	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the "Diabetes Management: Guide for Training Unlicensed School Staff", as presented to the Board (at the October 2012 Board Meeting).	October-12 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Mary Bell, RN, Alaska School Nurse Consultant

Scope sclerotherapy	Visual sclerotherapy	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approved the expansion in the scope of practice for an RN to perform visual sclerotherapy if the following requirements are met: The RN is under the direct supervision of a qualified physician, APRN, or PA who has expertise in sclerotherapy. Only an RN who has completed a formal course based upon the core curriculum for sclerotherapy which follows the guidelines of the American College of Phlebology and has had a minimum of 24 hours of supervised one on one training with a qualified physician, APRN or PA is allowed to perform sclerotherapy	April-11 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Janet Stookey, RN
Scope supervision	Department of Corrections Inmate Health Form 807	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska allows LPN to complete the Department of Corrections Inmate Health Form 807.14B revised 11/2010. An RN or health care provider needs to review & sign the form within 24 hours of intake.	July-07 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Alaska Division of Corrections Joyce DeGroot, RN
Scope Suprapubic	Suprapubic Catheter	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska finds that it is within the RN and LPN scope of practice to change suprapubic catheters with a healthcare provider's order after receiving additional training from a healthcare provider.	October-08 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Janna Gilder, RN OPC Manager from Norton Sound Health Corporation

Scope uterine aspiration	Uterine re-aspirations Request for ANPs to perform uterine re-aspirations to manage early pregnancy loss.	On a motion carried unanimously, The Board of Nursing declines the petition filed by Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest.	October-13 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest Laura Einstein, chief legal counsel
Scope Wound	Suturing (by an RN)	A Registered Nurse may not suture independently or with the assistance of a physician.	June-95 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	Providence Medical Center
Scope Wound	Lymphedema dressings	Can RNs remove and rewrap dressings placed by lymphedema therapists? The Board determined that dressing changes are within the scope of practice for RNs. If dressings placed by lymphedema therapists require additional RN education and training, this can be handled at the discretion of the institution.	July-13 Revised July 2014 Re-approved Jan 2017	James Poirier, Nurse Manager St. Elias Specialty Hospital