

Alaska State Board of Nursing  
CNA Advisory Opinions

Explanatory Statement about Advisory Opinions

An advisory opinion adopted by the Alaska Board of Nursing is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion the Alaska Board of Nursing regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the health and safety of the Alaska healthcare consumer. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure safety of their patient.

Topic	Opinion	Interested Party	Date
<b>MEDICATION COURSE</b> for a Certified nurse aide	Approved medication administration course requirements are submitted to the board for approval prior to taking the course		Dec-05
<b>NON DELEGATABLE DUTIES</b> to a CNA	The following are not to be delegated to UAPs: Insertion of Foley catheters, discontinuing IV locks, discontinuing NG tubes.	Bartlett Memorial Hospital	Sep-05
<b>PHLEBOTOMY</b> 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
<b>PRESCRIPTIONS-</b> call in refill of prescriptions, deliver to patient	Certified nurse aides are acting outside their roles and responsibilities by calling in a refill of a prescription order and delivering medications to patients.	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Jun-99

<b>X-RAYS</b> CNAs may not take X-Rays	The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska , 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-10
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