

Alaska State Board of Nursing  
**Discipline** 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.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Opinion</b>	<b>Date</b>
Continued Competency Audit Penalties	RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, under authority 08.01.075(a)(8) establishes the following civil fines against licensees who do not meet continuing competency regulations per Article 6 or 12 AAC 44.825: A fine of \$2500 for ANPs and CRNAs, \$2000 for RNs , \$1500 for LPNs and \$500 for CNAs. This goes into effect beginning with the 2012 renewal audit cycle.	Oct-12
Disciplinary matrix for unlicensed practice	As per AS 08.68.340 effective immediately the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska accepts the updated disciplinary matrix for unlicensed practice. This matrix is for expired or lapsed certificates, licenses, or authorizations under the jurisdiction of the Board of Nursing.	Oct-12
Discipline Database on Board of Nursing website	The Board will post the disciplinary database on the Board of Nursing website. The individual cases will remain on the website indefinitely. The database will be updated after each board meeting.	Sep-07
Length of probation period from chemical dependency	Board specifies that nurse with chemical dependency issues will be monitored for 5 years, an increase from 3 years.	Jul-08
Nancy Sanders authority of Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN in role of Executive Administrator	The Board delegates to Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator the authority to act on license applications with "yes" answers, without consultation of the Board chair, unless directed otherwise by the board.	Sep-07