Advisory Opinion 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 of 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.

Telehealth for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as: “The delivery of health-related services & information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventive, promotive, and curative aspects.”

Telehealth advanced practice nursing requires the healthcare provider to hold an active unencumbered ANP license/authorization in the state of Alaska. Licensure should be based on the location of the patient.

Before the initiation of telehealth nursing care, a patient/provider relationship must be established which includes a comprehensive health assessment by a Licensed Independent Practitioner who may or may not be the telehealth provider.

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