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Telehealth Advisory Opinion

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.

RN & LPN Telehealth Nursing

Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as “The delivery of health related services and information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventative, promotive, and curative aspects. An Rn and LPN who engages in telehealth must be licensed to practice in the location of the patient at the time the telehealth nursing care is provided.

APRN Telehealth Nursing

Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as “the delivery of health related services and information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventative, promotive, and curative aspects. Telehealth advanced practice nursing requires the healthcare provider to hold an active unencumbered APRN 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 establish which includes a comprehensive health assessment by a licensed independent practitioner who may or may not be the telehealth provider.

Adopted January 2015

Revised and re-adopted August 2017

The Advisory Opinion on Telehealth were adopted by the board on this date.

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette seconded by Joe Lefleur and carried with 4 ayes and 1 opposed it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing adopts the following Advisory Opinion on Telehealth to place into regulation. Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as" The delivery of health related services & information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventative, promotive, and curative aspects.

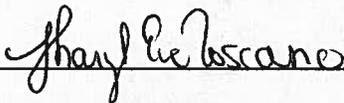
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On a motion duly made by Joe Lefleur seconded by Wendy Thon and carried with 5 ayes it was

RESOLVED that the AK BON moves to place the telehealth advisory opinion for the APRN in the regulations. Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as" The delivery of health related services & information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventative, promotive, and curative aspects.

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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.



Sharyl Toscano PhD, MS, BS, RN-CPN, Chairperson

August 2, 2017