

Notice of Rulemaking Activity

At its meeting held on December 4, 2015, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approved the revision of LAC 46:XLVII:3703.A.a.iv.c and to add section LAC 46:XLVII:3709 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, LA. R.S. 49:951-968 providing for revision to the current definition of “Delegating Nursing Interventions” and providing for “Delegation of Medication Administration to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel in Outpatient Clinic Settings”. The proposed rule changes to LAC 46:XLVII 3703.A.a.iv.c would allow for unlicensed medical assistive personnel, specifically certified medical assistants, to provide such services as medication administration. The Nurse Practice Act provides that the registered nurse may delegate selected nursing functions approved by the Board. Specific criteria must be met in order for the registered nurse to delegate tasks and or functions. The addition of a new section LAC 46:XLVII 3709 will provide the requirements deemed necessary to allow registered nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) the authority to delegate medication administration in outpatient clinic settings for patients with stable and predictable health conditions.

The first step in the rulemaking process is the publication of the Board's Notice of Intent in the March edition of the *Louisiana Register*. As of March 20, 2016 you will be able to access the publication free of charge at the state register's website at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr. The Notice of Intent can be found here.

The Board requests to receive written comments on the proposed revisions by April 10, 2016.

Please direct all written communications regarding this proposal to my attention at the Board office.

For the Board
Karen C. Lyon
Executive Director