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Dear Mr. Byram:

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for an advanced practice registered nurse licensed in Louisiana to perform a bone marrow biopsy and aspiration, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) considered your petition at the August 27, 2014 Board Meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # 2.1 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (3)(b) which states:

“Advanced practice registered nursing may include certain acts of medical diagnosis, in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (8)[“Collaborative Practice”] and (9)[“Collaborative Practice Agreement”]

Further, R.S. 37:913 (3)(b)(8-9) relative to APRN practice states:

- R.S. 37:913 (3)(b)(8) states: *“Collaborative practice means the joint management of the health care of a patient by an advanced practice registered nurse performing advanced practice registered nursing and one or more consulting physicians or dentists”*; and
- LA R.S. 37:913 (3)(b)(9) states: *“Collaborative practice agreement” means a formal written statement addressing the parameters of the collaborative practice which are mutually agreed upon by the advanced practice registered nurse and one or more licensed physicians or dentists”*.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following actions:

That it is that it is within the scope of practice for a certified APRN licensed in Louisiana to perform a bone marrow biopsy and aspiration provided the APRN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so. Prior to performing the procedure:

- 1) The APRN must submit a collaborative practice agreement for approval to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (as per RS 37:913(8) and (9) and LAC 46:XLVII.4513.B) which includes this procedure as a parameter of practice, reflects the mutual agreement with the collaborating physician(s), and appropriate clinical practice guidelines applicable to the scope, setting, procedure, and services provided;

- 2) There must be a written established institutional/facility policy which:
- a. delineates that the APRN must be credentialed by the agency prior to performing the procedure;
 - b. delineates the specific procedure in the clinical privileges of the individual APRN; and
 - c. verifies competencies initially and at regular intervals through methods including but not limited to direct observation.

The Board adopted the following additional action:

The previous LSBN opinion (Npop00.02) regarding bone marrow biopsy and aspiration performed by APRNs is superseded by the August 27, 2014 opinion.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,



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