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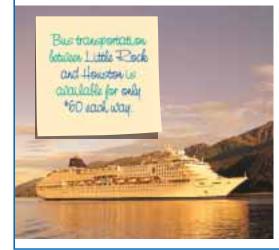
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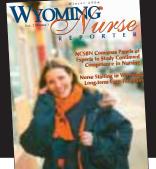
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We would like to provide some renewal tips in hopes of making this renewal period run smoothly for you and the WBON staff:

- Renewals are processed as they are received. Get yours in early for timely issuance of your new license/certificate.
- Please read all instructions carefully and complete the form in it's entirety. Incomplete forms will be returned to you and will delay processing.
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- 5. Please allow 10-14 business days for your application to be processed. Faxed renewal forms will not be accepted. Applications received after December 15, 2006 are not guaranteed to be processed prior to the December 31, 2006 deadline. If your license/certificate has not been issued prior to January 1, 2007, you can not work.

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Once all the information from the research is gathered, it is sent to the Practice Committee for their review. The Practice Committee then makes a recommendation to the Board for an Advisory Opinion.

All of the Board's Advisory Opinions are listed on the Board's website at http://nursing.state.wy.us. Go to Publications and Opinions. If you wish to request an Advisory Opinion, you may fill out a request (see website under "forms") and send to:

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### SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES

Cheryl Koski, MN, RN, Executive Director

The following Advisory Opinions were issued at the July 13-14, 2006 Board Meeting.

### CNA'S ASSUMING ROLES OF SURGICAL TECHNICIAN, FIRST ASSISTANT, LABORATO-RY TECHNICIAN AND MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Advisory Opinion Number:	06-164
Board Meeting Date:	July 13-14, 2006

The Practice Committee reviewed a request from Jean Pinter for an Advisory Opinion regarding whether or not a CNA may be a Surgical Technician, A First Assistant, a Laboratory Technician, or a Medical Assistant, questions requested answered by Scott Griffith at Star Valley Medical Center.

The Practice Committee reviewed the materials sent and opinions of other states.

Upon recommendation from the Practice Committee, the Board voted after discussion that they have no jurisdiction over ancillary healthcare fields such as surgical technicians, first assistants, laboratory technicians or medical assistants.

An ancillary healthcare provider may hold a CNA certificate while employed in a healthcare facility in another ancillary healthcare field. However, they must only function in the role in which they are employed by the healthcare facility. In order to maintain a clear delineation of the roles the CNA may not use the title CNA or function in the role of a certified nursing assistant at any time they are working in another ancillary healthcare field. In addition, they may not use the hours worked in the other ancillary healthcare field towards the practice requirements for renewal of their nursing assistant certification.

Furthermore, the Board recommended that a facility not make certification as a nursing assistant (CNA) a requirement to be employed in a facility as an ancillary healthcare provider in fields such as a surgical technician, first assistant, laboratory technician or a medical assistant.

#### July 14, 2006

Approved: Reviewed: Revised:

### **REMOVAL OF CHEST TUBES, MEDIASTINAL TUBES AND PLEURAL DRAINS - RN**

Advisory Opinion Number:	06-162
Board Meeting Date:	July 13 – 14, 2006

The Practice Committee reviewed a request from Julie-Cann Taylor, RN, Director of Critical Care, Wyoming

Medical Center, Casper, WY as to whether or not a Registered Nurse with a high volume of patients requiring chest tube management may discontinue chest tubes, mediastinal tubes and pleural drains.

The Practice Committee reviewed the literature and the previous Advisory Opinion 00-101 dated August December 2000 issued by the Board.

Upon recommendation from the Practice Committee, the Board voted to affirm Advisory Opinion 00-101 and stated

that it is not within the Scope of Practice of a Registered Nurse to remove Chest Tubes, Mediastinal Tubes and Pleural Drains. There is not enough evidence nor is it common practice at this time to support the removal of these tubes by a Registered Nurse.

The Board voted that it is within the Scope of Practice of an Advanced Practice registered Nurse with appropriate education and training to perform removal of these tubes.

Approved: Reviewed: **Revised**:

### **REMOVAL OF URETHRAL CATHETERS AND** NASO-GASTRIC TUBES - CNA

Advisory Opinion Number:	06-161
Board Meeting Date:	July 13 – 14, 2006

The Practice Committee reviewed a request from Julie-Cann Taylor, RN, Director of Critical Care, Wyoming Medical Center, Casper, WY as to whether or not removal of urethral catheters and removal of naso-gastric tubes could be delegated to a Certified Nursing Assistant after successful completion of a competency model. Ms.

> Taylor specifically asked if Chapter 7 of the Board Administrative Rules and Regulations, which does not list either of these specific tasks as those which may be delegated to a CNA, overrides an opinion issued by the Board to Wyoming Medical Center August 28, 1996.

> The Practice Committee reviewed the previous opinion dated August 28, 1996 and Chapter 7, Section 8 of the Board Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Upon recommendation from the Practice Committee, the Board voted that removal of urethral catheters and removal of naso-gastric tubes are not tasks that may be delegated to a CNA as specified in Chapter 7, Section 8, Functions, Tasks and Skills That May Be Delegated, in the Board Administrative Rules and Regulations. In addition, these tasks are not within the basic nursing education and training of a certified nursing assistant as specified in CFR 42.

Approved: **Reviewed**: **Revised**:

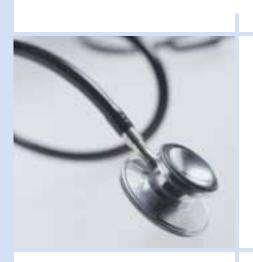
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As a member of Banner Health, Platte County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, located in Wheatland, is able to be a technologically progressive health care system while maintaining the advantages of providing personal care in a small, friendly environment.

The hospital is in the midst of a \$9.3 million renovation to implement the latest technology and complete major state-of-the-art construction projects to ensure a strong future. By January of 2007, the 25-bed Critical Access hospital will have completed their new utilities infrastructure and a new surgery addition. A total renovation of the existing surgery area will follow by May of 2007 and, when completed, these projects will add one new OR and one new procedure room, along with updates to all of the surgery support facilities.

Platte County Memorial Hospital's drive to be the best will not stop there. Plans are in the works to build a new 25-bed inpatient wing and renovate Medical Imaging, the Emergency Department, and the Lab, as well as the patient reception area, for an additional \$6.7 million. With total improvements of \$16 million, Banner Health and Platte County Memorial Hospital are proving their commitment to high-quality health care for the community, the latest medical technology, and the best working conditions for their talented staff.

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(Cheyenne, WY – August 22, 2006) APS Healthcare, one of the country's leading specialty healthcare companies, and the Wyoming Department of Health's EqualityCare (Medicaid) program announced today that APS' Healthy Together total population health management program helped the state avoid more than \$12.7 million in unnecessary healthcare costs. These results were for the aged, blind and disabled Medicaid

...APS health coaches also helped clients achieved significant improvements in preventive measures... population in its first reconciliation year, which ended on Dec. 31, 2005.

Through the Wyoming EqualityCare program, APS managed an average of more than 7,800 clients per month through its Healthy Together health management programs, which includes programs for clients with asthma, coronary artery disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,

chronic heart failure, depression, dia-

betes and other disease states. The average cost avoidance for clients, while still maintaining quality care, was \$135 each month, which was \$36 above the target savings per member per month.

In addition to the financial benefits, APS health coaches also helped clients achieve significant improvements in prevention measures such as diabetes testing, eye exams, glucose monitoring, statin usage, cholesterol monitoring, bronchodilator usage and other preventative treatments and testing to improve their overall health and well-being.

The financial and clinical results were confirmed by Milliman, a global consulting and actuarial firm.

"APS' disease management produced excellent health outcomes and financial savings for the state of Wyoming," said Al Lewis, president, Disease Management Purchasing Consortium International, Inc. "Significant decline in utilization covering heart attacks, asthma attacks, fluid overload and other events, which can be prevented through effective disease management, contributed to a significant overall reduction in hospital costs."

"APS' health management programs have exceeded our expectations," said Teri Green, EqualityCare manager. "We are fortunate to partner with a company that understands the complexity of our healthcare system and is able to tailor its programs to meet the needs of our providers and clients."

The success of the Wyoming program is enhanced by the company's use of its client-based health management model. APS uses a decentralized, collaborative care model to improve Medicaid client and provider engagement in health management programs, increase compliance with recommended care plans and improve coordination within the healthcare system.

"Through our community-based model, we are able to assist Wyoming Medicaid in ways that have proven to be effective," said David Hunsaker, president, APS Public Programs. "We are excited by these favorable results and ready to continue efforts to improve the health of these clients."

### **About APS**

APS Healthcare, headquartered in Silver Springs, Md., is a leading provider of specialty healthcare solutions that cover more that 20 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico. APS offers customized, integrated healthcare solutions across two major healthcare product lines - care management and behavioral health services. APS operates under the belief that managing healthcare for the mind and body improves overall health and reduces total healthcare spending.

# Nurse Licensure Compact in Wyoming -A Discussion



Nurses are invited to attend an informational, open session on the Nurse Licensure Compact in Casper on November 3 from 1:00 - 4:00 at the Parkway Plaza. A general discussion between the board and nurses of the state about the pros and cons with the compact will help to clarify issues related to Wyoming citizens, the health care system, and nurses. We look forward to meeting with you to share ideas and expertise on this matter.

The Board has blocked a limited number of rooms at the Parkway Plaza in Casper 307-235-1777 with check in on the afternoon/evening of the 2nd (Thursday) and check out on the 5th (Sunday) for those that will not want to travel Saturday evening. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

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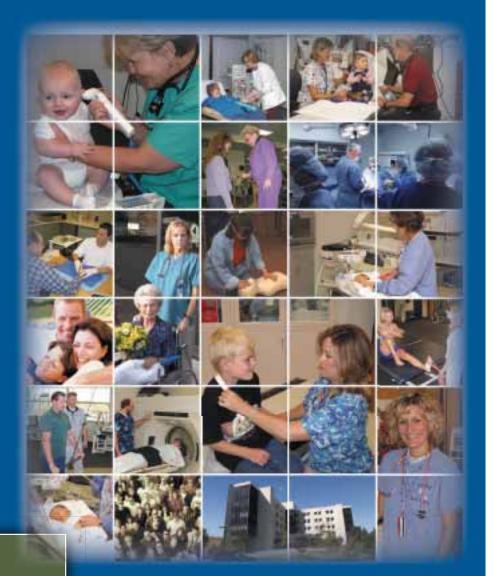
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