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Practice

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I. Trends Strategic Initiative 1.1, 2.5

General – Many individuals are looking for alternative means to receive credit for work experience and advance to the next level of licensure. This is occurring at all levels (non-licensed, CNA, LPN/RN, APRN).

APRN Practice – Notable/frequent questions regarding:

- Requests for telehealth standards.
- WY status as a full-practice authority state.
- Scope of practice (age limit for adult foci, FNP as APRN first assist, WHNP providing hormonal pellets for men).

RN Practice - Notable/frequent questions regarding:

- Using retired/inactive nurses administering immunizations.
- Entering/returning to the workforce (refresher courses, reactivating license, and entering nursing school).
- School nurse questions regarding new AO.

LPN Practice

- Scope (work without RN on-site, monitoring CIWA score, administration of Arimidex).
- Nightingale students who were told they could be licensed as a LPN after completing the first year (this is not possible as their transcripts do not indicate they have graduated from an LPN program) (3 questions).

CNA / CNA II / MA-C Practice – Notable/frequent questions:

- Clarifying the CNA role (digital stimulation and grooming questions – cutting hair or foot soak).
- CNAs looking for CNA II or MA-C programs / facilities who are interested in starting these programs.

Unlicensed Personnel

- *Emergency Direct Care Worker* AO (expiration, who is eligible, role and specific duties, process for notifying the WSBN).
- Medical Assistants (scope, request for WSBN to oversee role, dual role with CNA certification), dialysis and emergency department techs.

II. Practice Contact Statistics Strategic Initiative 1.1

Licensure / Certification Type	Total
APRN	50
RN	53
LPN	13
CNA, CNA II, MA-C	39
Unlicensed Personnel	21
Other*	52

*Other areas: (52 questions); regarding APRN audit – responding to licensee's questions via phone and ORBS

III. Practice Updates

- No ad-hoc Committees were in place this quarter. [Strategic Initiative 4.7](#)
- Development/approval of new Advisory Opinion for school nursing. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- Update and review of AOs associated with the COVID-19 state of emergency. [Strategic Initiative 1.1, 2.3](#)

IV. Focus Areas for the Next Quarter

- The Practice Committee has reviewed the AO *Cosmetic and Dermatologic Procedures* to clarify language requiring face-to-face assessment by a licensed provider. There have been numerous questions on this requirement. The Committee is also developing language in this AO that will clarify which APRN role/foci can provide medical management of these clients. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- Review and update the AO *Nursing and Electronic Delivery of Care*. This AO indicates, “During the current state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wyoming State Board of Nursing is not requiring a face to face initial visit by providers as part of standard nursing practice for telehealth servicing.” There are no other AOs stipulating a face-to-face initial visit as the normal standard of care outside of COVID and this statement is confusing to APRNs who are providing telehealth care. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- The *LPN-IV* AO will be reviewed and updated based on the new Infusion Nurses Society Standards of Practice. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- Development of an AO that clarifies situations where an APRN is prescribing for self, friends, or family members. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- The AO *RN First Assist* will be updated to include information regarding the APRN first assist role to clarify which APRN role/foci can provide these services. [Strategic Initiative 2.3](#)
- Develop repository of resources on WSBN website to help APRNs meet requirements for continued competency. The Administrative Rules and Regulations for the WSBN (Ch 2, section 13) require each APRN with prescriptive authority to document three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances or treatment of substance abuse disorders (c)(ii). [Strategic Initiative 2.4](#)