



## COLLABORATING OR SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS

### **NAC 630.490 Collaboration with advanced practitioner of nursing. ([NRS 630.130](#))**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a physician may collaborate with an advanced practitioner of nursing if the physician:
  - (a) Holds an active license in good standing to practice medicine;
  - (b) Actually practices medicine in this State; and
  - (c) Has not been specifically prohibited by the Board from acting as a collaborating physician.
2. No physician may collaborate with an advanced practitioner of nursing whose scope of practice or medical competence is other than the scope of practice or medical competence of the physician.
3. Before collaborating with an advanced practitioner of nursing, a physician, on a form prescribed by the Board, shall notify the Board of the name and location of the practice of the advanced practitioner of nursing and the portion of the practice of the advanced practitioner of nursing that the physician will collaborate on with the advanced practitioner of nursing. The notice must contain the signatures of the advanced practitioner of nursing and the collaborating physician.
4. In addition to any other requirements, if the State Board of Nursing pursuant to [NRS 632.325](#) has disciplined an advanced practitioner of nursing, a physician shall not collaborate with that advanced practitioner of nursing unless the physician has been specifically approved by the Board to act as the collaborating physician of that advanced practitioner of nursing.
5. A collaborating physician shall immediately notify the Board of the termination of collaboration between the collaborating physician and an advanced practitioner of nursing. For any portion of the practice of the advanced practitioner of nursing that the collaborating physician terminating collaboration with the advanced practitioner of nursing collaborated, no physician shall collaborate with the advanced practitioner of nursing until the physician submits notice to the Board pursuant to subsection 4.
6. The collaborating physician or his substitute shall be available at all times that the advanced practitioner of nursing is providing medical services to consult with the advanced practitioner of nursing. Those consultations may be indirect, including, without limitation, by telephone.
7. The collaborating physician shall, at least once a month, spend part of a day at any location where the advanced practitioner of nursing provides medical services to act as consultant to the advanced practitioner of nursing and to monitor the quality of care provided by an advanced practitioner of nursing.
8. The collaborating physician shall develop and carry out a program to ensure the quality of care provided by an advanced practitioner of nursing. The program must include, without limitation:
  - (a) An assessment of the medical competency of the advanced practitioner of nursing;
  - (b) A review and initialing of selected charts;
  - (c) An assessment of a representative sample of referrals or consultations made by the advanced practitioner of nursing with another health professional as required by the condition of the patient;
  - (d) Direct observation of the ability of the advanced practitioner of nursing to take a medical history from and perform an examination of patients representative of those cared for by the advanced practitioner of nursing; and
  - (e) Maintenance of accurate records and documentation of the program for each advanced practitioner of nursing with whom the physician collaborated.
9. The collaborating physician shall ensure that the advanced practitioner of nursing:
  - (a) Does not use presigned prescriptions; and
  - (b) Practices in strict compliance with the regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy regarding prescriptions, controlled substances, dangerous drugs and devices.
10. The medical director of a practice that is specific to a site, including, without limitation, a facility for skilled nursing or a hospital, may act as a collaborating physician to an advanced practitioner of nursing who works at the practice. A medical director acting as a collaborating physician may allow the advanced practitioner of nursing to evaluate and care for patients under the direction of an attending physician who is not the collaborating physician of the advanced practitioner of nursing.
11. A collaborating physician shall ensure that the medical services that an advanced practitioner of nursing performs while collaborating with the physician are:
  - (a) Commensurate with the education, training, experience and level of competence of the advanced practitioner of nursing; and
  - (b) Within the scope of practice of the:
    - (1) Advanced practitioner of nursing;
    - (2) Certification of the advanced practitioner of nursing; and
    - (3) Collaborating physician.
12. If the collaborating physician is unable to act as the collaborating physician for an advanced practitioner of nursing, he shall designate a qualified substitute physician to act as a temporary collaborating physician. The scope of practice or medical competence of the temporary collaborating physician must be the same as the scope of practice or medical competence of the original collaborating physician.
13. The collaborating physician is responsible for all the medical services performed by the advanced practitioner of nursing.  
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