

SUBCHAPTER 4. OSTEOPATHIC SUPERVISION OF ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS

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510:10-4-1. Purpose

The purpose of this Subchapter is to set forth the requirements for osteopathic physicians to supervise the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant to 59 O.S., Section 567.1 et seq.

510:10-4-2. Definitions

The following words and terms used in this Subchapter, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“**Board**” means the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

“**Proper physician supervision**” means the supervising physician should regularly and routinely review the prescriptive practices and patterns of the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority.

Proper physician supervision of the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority is essential.

“**Supervision**” implies that there is appropriate referral and consultation between the advanced practice nurse and the supervising physician.

510:10-4-3. Responsibility of the supervising osteopathic physician

To be eligible to serve as a supervising physician for the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority, an osteopathic physician shall meet the following criteria:

(1) Have possession of a full and unrestricted Oklahoma license to practice osteopathic medicine; with Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBND) permits for any drug on the formulary as defined in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.

(2) The supervising physician shall be in full time practice with a minimum of 20 hours per week of direct patient contact.

(3) The supervising physician shall be trained and fully qualified in the field of the advanced practice nurse’s specialty.

(4) No physician shall supervise more than two (2) full time equivalent advanced practice nurses regarding their prescriptive authority at any one time. For purposes of this section each “full time equivalent” advanced practice nurse position equals forty (40) hours per week collectively worked by the part-time advanced practice nurses being supervised by the physician.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions for the supervision of two (2) full time equivalent advanced practice nurses above, no physician shall supervise more than a total of four (4) advanced practice nurses.

(6) The Board may make an exception to any limit set herein upon request by the physician.