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**QUESTION:** What is the appropriate policy and procedure for management is of resuscitate and do not resuscitate orders ("no code" orders)?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges it is the responsibility of the patient's authorized licensed provider to initiate any type of resuscitation orders to include do not resuscitate or "no code" orders. In the absence of a written do not resuscitate or "no code" order, the nurse must initiate CPR or follow related policies and procedures established by the agency.

*This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.*