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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse (LPN) to remove skin sutures and/or staples?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the LPN to remove skin sutures and/or staples as ordered by an authorized licensed provider.

The Board recommends the employer verify competency in the performance of this skill.

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