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Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensed in Other States Providing Continuation of Care to South Carolina Residents

The South Carolina Nurse Practice Act § 40-33-30 provides that a person may not practice nursing without an active license issued in accordance with the chapter. A South Carolina license as an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse is required for a person located in another state to provide nursing services to a recipient located in the State of South Carolina at the time nursing services are provided.

However, the Board recognizes that there may be rare situations in which an out of state APRN may need to perform certain acts incidental to their treatment provided in another state. The typical situation envisioned involves an APRN practicing as part of a care team in a specialty clinic located in another state. A South Carolina resident travels to the clinic, where an in-person patient-provider relationship is established. Between visits, the APRN needs to perform specific acts necessary to continue the care of the patient. Such acts may include telephone or video conference consultations with patients, sending prescriptions to a pharmacy located in South Carolina, and other acts incidental to the care of the patient.

The Board views such acts as incidental to the care provided in another state to be a continuation of the care initiated in the other state. To that end, the Board would not require the APRN in another state to obtain a license in South Carolina to perform such acts.

This narrow exception is not intended to apply to situations without an established patient-provider relationship or to allow for routine care to be provided by an out of state provider.