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POSITION STATEMENT: Recommended Age Parameters for the APRN Practicing in SC

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In order to maintain consistency across the variety of specialty advanced practices, State Board of Nursing for South Carolina has determined that the following age parameters will prevail when developing protocols and establishing practice:

Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM): At least 12 years of age, or younger for reproductive or gynecological care.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA): Birth until death; pregnant patients and patients undergoing tissue harvest.

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS): As determined by the Clinical Nurse Specialist's clinical training and discipline where he/ she is employed.

Nurse Practitioner:

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNPC): 12 years of age until death

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - Adult Gerontology (ACNPC-AG): 12 years of age until death

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC): 12 years of age until death

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP): 12 years of age until death

Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP): 12 years of age until death

Adult Psychiatric–Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP): 18 years of age until death

Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care (CPNP-AC): Birth until 21 years of age

Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (CPNP-PC): Birth until 21 years of age

Dually Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP-AC/PC): Birth until 21 years of age

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP): Across the life span

Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP): 50 years of age until death

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP): Birth until discharge from the Neonatal Unit or from the Neonatologist service

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (PPCNP) (formerly Pediatric Nurse Practitioner): Birth through 21 years of age

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHP) (formerly Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner): Across the lifespan

Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHNP): At least 12 years of age, or younger for reproductive, gynecological and primary care

Exceptions to these parameters must be requested from the Board of Nursing.

Regarding **Adult Gero Acute Care/ Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/ Pediatric Patients:** The schools must provide documentation of the successful completion of pediatric courses that include both didactic and clinical components and the individual must then consult with board staff to schedule a Board of Nursing appearance. This exception only applies to practice in South Carolina.