

CALIFORNIA PRISON HEALTH CARE SERVICES



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NURSE PRACTITIONER POLICY	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

It is the policy of California Prison Health Care Services (CPHCS) to integrate Nurse Practitioners into the health care delivery system as Primary Care Providers. Nurse Practitioners shall work within their scope of practice as defined in Business and Professions Code, Nursing Practice Act, Section 2725 (b)(4) and further clarified in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1480.

Business and Professions Code, Section 2725 (b)(4) authorizes Nurse Practitioners to perform functions that would otherwise be considered the practice of medicine, in accordance with Standardized Procedures. In providing primary care services to inmates, Nurse Practitioners shall provide only those health care services that are specified in CPHCS approved Standardized Procedures for which they are deemed competent.

Under the direction of the Receiver, CPHCS has embarked upon an ambitious program to recruit, orient, train, and retain competent, PCPs, including complementing the current staffing by incorporating mid-level practitioners including Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. Physicians and mid-level practitioners are integral and inseparable components of a successful, health care delivery system. This policy shall define the Nurse Practitioner's role, responsibility, and scope of practice to ensure that Nurse Practitioners are integrated into the health care team.

II. PURPOSE

To provide CPHCS staff with standardized guidelines for hiring and supervising Nurse Practitioners, to establish the functions that Nurse Practitioners may perform, and to assist health care providers in understanding the role and scope of practice of Nurse Practitioners.

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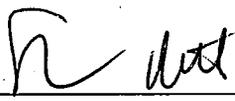
III. REFERENCES

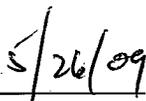
- Business and Professions Code, Section 2725(b)(4)
- Business and Professions Code, Section 2836.1, 2836.2
- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1379
- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1474
- California Board of Registered Nursing Publication NPR-B-20. An Explanation of Standardized Procedure Requirements for Nurse Practitioner Practice (12/1998).
- California Board of Registered Nursing Publication NPR-I-16. Criteria for Furnishing Number Utilization by Nurse Practitioners. (12/2004)

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