

540-X-8-.04 Qualifications for Physicians in Collaborative Practice with Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.

(1) The physician in collaborative practice with a certified registered nurse practitioner shall have:

(a) A current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama; and

(b) Practiced medicine for at least one year, if the physician is certified by or eligible for board certification by a specialty board approved by the American Medical Association or by the American Osteopathic Association; or have practiced medicine for at least three years.

(c) Paid all collaborative practice fees due to the Board of Medical Examiners and submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners a Commencement of Collaborative Practice form. In the event no application is received from the Alabama Board of Nursing within six (6) months of submission, the submitted form will be withdrawn by the Board. The fee submitted with the Commencement of Collaborative Practice form is non-refundable and non-transferable.

(2) The Board of Medical Examiners, in its discretion, may waive the practice requirements in 1(b).

(3) The physician shall not collaborate with or supervise any combination of certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and/or assistants to physicians exceeding one hundred and sixty (160) hours per week (four full-time equivalent positions) unless an exemption is granted under Rule 540-X-8-.12. "One full- time equivalent" (FTE) is herein described as a person/persons collectively working

forty hours a week, excluding time on call.

(4) A physician entering into a collaborative practice arrangement with a certified registered nurse practitioner, including those who have been granted temporary approval to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner under the provisions of Rule 540-X-8-.07, shall notify the State Board of Medical Examiners in writing of the following:

(a) The date for commencement of the collaborative practice agreement using the "Commencement of Collaborative Practice" form. The Collaborative Practice Fee must accompany the "Commencement of Collaborative Practice" form.

(b) The date on which the collaborative practice agreement between the collaborating physician and the nurse practitioner terminates. The "Notice of Termination" should be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the date of termination. The "Notice of Termination" shall be authorized by the collaborating physician and should include the name and license number of the collaborating physician and the name and license number of the Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner.

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