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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
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OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the **19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018**, and filed with the agency secretary on the **19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018**.

AGENCY NAME: **Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners**

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Rule No. **540-X-8-.12(3)**  
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: **Limitations upon Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners**

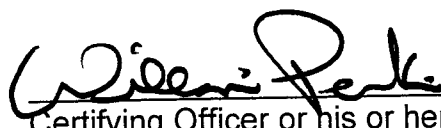
ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Rule adopted without changes from the proposal. No comments received.**

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Statutory Rulemaking Authority: **Ala. Code §§ 34-24-53 and 34-21-87**

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NOTE: In accordance with §41 22 6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.

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540-X-8-.12 Limitations upon Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse

Practitioners.

(1) A physician may enter into collaborative agreements with certified registered nurse practitioners not exceeding a cumulative one hundred and sixty (160) hours ( four FTEs) per week. The total number of persons supervised by or in collaborative practice with a physician shall not exceed one hundred and sixty (160) hours per week (four full-time equivalent positions) as stipulated in Rule 540-X-8-.04.

(2) Employees of the Alabama Department of Public Health and county health departments are specifically exempt from the requirements of paragraph (1) of this rule.

(3) CRNPs practicing under approved limited protocols, specified and approved by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners, may be specifically exempt from the FTE requirements of paragraph (1) of this rule, or as specified in the limited protocol, as determined by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners.

(4) A physician in collaborative practice may request approval for additional full-time certified registered nurse practitioner positions by the Joint Committee, with consideration given to the following factors to insure that an acceptable standard of care is rendered:

- (a) Availability of the physician.
- (b) Practice settings and staffing needs for extended hours of service.
- (c) Risk to patients.
- (d) Educational preparation, specialty and experience of the parties in the

collaborative practice.

(e) Complexity and risk of procedures to be performed.

(5) Any certified registered nurse practitioners engaged in practice with a collaborating physician prior to June 26, 1995, may not be denied approval for continued collaborative practice with that physician based on the ratio established in Rule 540-X-8-.12(1).

(6) A physician in collaboration with CRNP, CNM or Physician Assistant personnel totaling 160 hours per week (four (4) FTEs) may request a transitional allowance increasing the total weekly hours for the purpose of orientation of the incoming CRNP. The transitional allowance shall not exceed 45 days. The physician shall request the transitional allowance in writing and specify the starting date for this FTE allowance.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, §§ 34-24-53 and 34-21-87.

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