

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing  
Rule No. 610-X-9-.09  
Rule Title Authorization For Practice As A Clinical Nurse Specialist  
         New     X     Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?         Yes        

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?         Yes        

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?         No        

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?         No        

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?         No        

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?         Yes        

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?         No        

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer  Peggy Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC

Date February 5, 2015

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

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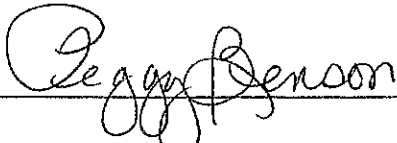
**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to authorization for practice as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-9-.09 Authorization For Practice As A Clinical Nurse Specialist. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes eliminate references to approval cards.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at [Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov](mailto:Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov) or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**  
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.

  
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Executive Officer

**610-X-9-.09**  
**Specialist.**

**Authorization For Practice As A Clinical Nurse**

(1) The Board of Nursing may grant approval for advanced practice nursing as a clinical nurse specialist to applicants who meet the requirements of Chapter 610-X-9-.07 and .08.

(2) Only those registered nurses whose credentials have been approved by the Board may hold themselves out to be clinical nurse specialists, use the designation "CNS" or use titles to imply that they are clinical nurse specialists.

(3) The advanced practice approval ~~card~~ shall expire on the same date as the registered nurse license ~~card~~ or on the expiration date of the licensee's national certification, whichever occurs first.

(4) Clinical nurse specialists shall renew approval for practice at the time of registered nurse license renewal. Approval for practice may be continued each biennium at the time of renewal of the registered nurse license upon verification of meeting the requirements of Rule 610-X-9-.07 and paying the advanced practice renewal fee(s).

(5) Failure to meet the renewal requirements shall result in lapse of advanced practice approval.

(6) A nurse who fails to attain or maintain certification in the appropriate area of practice shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Board.

(b) Not practice as or use the title of clinical nurse specialist until approved by the Board.

(7) Practicing as a clinical nurse specialist subsequent to ~~the expiration date~~ on of the advanced practice approval ~~card~~ shall result in disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 610-X-8.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-84.

**History:** Filed September 29, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 6, 1986; effective July 11, 1986. **Repealed:** Filed June 20, 1996; effective July 25, 1996. **New Rule:** Filed June 20, 1996; effective July 25, 1996. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed August 25, 2003; effective September 29, 2003. **Amended:** Filed May 14, 2007; effective June 18, 2007.