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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: Chapter 540-X-8-.21, Temporary Approval to Practice as a Certified Nurse Midwife

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to change the provisional approval time limit from one year to six months

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) orally or in writing to: Patricia E. Shaner, General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule and submit data, views, or comments or arguments orally should contact Patricia E. Shaner, by telephone (334-242-4116) during said period in order to set up an appointment for a hearing respecting such oral data, views, or arguments.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: May 5, 2015

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Patricia E. Shaner



Larry D. Dixon, Executive Director

540-X-8-.21 Temporary Approval as a Certified Nurse Midwife.

(1) The applicant for approval to practice as a certified nurse midwife may be granted temporary approval for practice under the following stipulations until such time as the application is approved or denied by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners.

(a) The applicant shall meet the requirements of Rules 540-X-8-.15 and 540-X-8-.17.

(b) The collaborating physician shall meet the qualifications established in Rule 540-X-8-.16.

(c) Temporary approval is limited to the standard protocol and formulary, including oxytocics, approved by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and does not include the authority to:

(i)1. Perform additional skills as provided in Rule 540-X-8-.22.

(ii)2. Prescribe drugs other than oxytocics that are defined in the standard formulary with "Restrictions."

(2) Provisional Approval: A registered nurse who meets the requirements of Rules 610-X-5-.15 and 610-X-5-.17 with the exception of national certification, and who has applied for initial certification may be granted temporary approval under paragraph (1) (c) of this rule with these additional stipulations.

(a) Practice under the on-site supervision of an approved certified nurse midwife or a licensed physician.

(b) During a minimum of the first thirty days of practice or until satisfactory

clinical skills are demonstrated, the collaborating physician or covering physician shall be in attendance at all deliveries by the nurse midwife. The nurse midwife shall contact the collaborating physician or the physician providing medical coverage.

(c) The nurse midwife with provisional approval may use the designation "Graduate Nurse Midwife."

(d) Provisional approval to practice is limited to a maximum of ~~one year~~ six months and shall expire immediately upon:

(i) 1. Notification of ~~passing the certification examination.~~

(ii) 2. Notification of failing the certification exam.

(3) Interim Approval: If the relationship with the collaborating physician is terminated, a certified nurse midwife approved to practice under the provisions of these rules may continue in a collaborative practice with an interim physician after application for approval until such time as the new application is approved or denied, provided all requirements and stipulations for temporary approval cited in paragraph (1) are met.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, §§ 34-24-53, 34-21-84, and 34-21-85.

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