

Kansas State Board of Nursing Update

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The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians



Reminders from KSBN: KSBN does NOT perform fingerprinting services in the agency. Please refer to your local law enforcement agency or fingerprint agency for prints. The Board of Nursing is open to public traffic, but it is highly recommended you conduct business via online services, mail, phone or email. Face masks and social distancing are required for all individuals coming into the agency, regardless of vaccination status. You can find our direct agency contact information listed under Staff Contacts on our website.

⇒ **House Bill No 2477:** [Governor Kelly signed HB 2477 and it was published in the Kansas Register on January 21, 2022](#) which is an act concerning governmental response to COVID-19 and includes the following in Sec.3:

- ◆ Licensed advanced practice registered nurses may provide healthcare services appropriate to their education, training and experience within a designated healthcare facility at which the advanced practice registered nurse is employed or contracted to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction and supervision (written collaborative agreement) from a responsible physician. Such advanced practice registered nurse shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such advanced practice registered nurse's lack of direction and supervision from a responsible physician
- ◆ Registered nurse anesthetists may provide healthcare services appropriate to their education, training and experience within a designated healthcare facility at which the registered nurse anesthetist is employed or contracted to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction and supervision from a physician. Such registered nurse anesthetist shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such registered nurse anesthetist's lack of direction and supervisions from a physician.
- ◆ A registered nurse and licensed practical nurse may order the collection of throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of being infected by COVID-19, for purposes of testing
- ◆ A licensed practical nurse may provide healthcare services appropriate to such licensed practical nurse's education, training, and experience within a designated healthcare facility at which the licensed practical nurse is employed or contracted to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction from a registered professional nurse. Such licensed practical nurse shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such licensed practical nurse's lack of supervision from a registered professional nurse.
- ◆ A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse who holds a license that is exempt or inactive or whose license has lapsed within the past five years from the effective date of this act may provide healthcare services appropriate to the nurse's education, training and experience. Such registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such nurse's exempt, inactive or lapsed license.
- ◆ A designated healthcare facility may, as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allow a student who is enrolled in a program to become a licensed, registered or certified healthcare professional to volunteer to work within such facility in roles that are appropriate to such student's education, training and experience.
- ◆ A designated healthcare facility may, as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allow a licensed, registered or certified healthcare professional or emergency medical personnel who is serving in the military in any duty status to volunteer or work within such facility in roles that are appropriate to such military service member's education, training and experience

- ◆ A designated healthcare facility may, as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allow a medical student, physical therapist or emergency medical services provider to volunteer or work within such facility as a respiratory therapist extender under the supervision of a physician, respiratory therapist or advanced practice registered nurse. Such respiratory therapist extender may assist respiratory therapists and other healthcare professionals in the operation of ventilators and related devices and may provide other healthcare services appropriate to such respiratory therapist extender's education, training and experience, as determined by the facility in consultation with such facility's medical leadership.
- ◆ A healthcare professional licensed and in good standing in another state may practice such profession in the state of Kansas *for the purpose of preparing for, responding to or mitigating any effect of COVID-19*. A license that has been suspended or revoked or a licensee that is subject to pending license-related disciplinary action shall not be considered to be in good standing. Any license that is subject to limitation in another state shall be subject to the same limitation in the state of Kansas. Such healthcare professional shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such healthcare professional's lack of licensure in the state of Kansas. Nothing in the subsection shall be construed to authorize a healthcare professional to practice a profession that is not authorized by law in the state of Kansas. Within seven calendar days of initiating practice in Kansas, such healthcare professional shall notify the appropriate regulatory body in Kansas that such professional is practicing in Kansas pursuant to this subsection by submitting information on a form and in a manner prescribed by such regulatory body. This form is available on our website: <https://ksbn.kansas.gov/forms/hb2477/>. This healthcare professional is subject to all rules and regulations applicable to the practice of the licensed professional in this state; and considered a licensee for the purposes of the applicable professional practice act administered by the applicable regulatory body.
- ◆ A healthcare professional may be licensed, certified or registered or may have such license, certification or registration reinstated within five years of lapse by the applicable licensing agency of the state of Kansas without satisfying the following conditions of licensure, certification, or registration: an examination, if such examination's administration has been cancelled, fingerprints, and continuing education.
- ◆ A professional certification in basic life support, advanced cardiac life support or first aid shall remain valid if such professional certification is due to expire or be canceled while this section is in force and effect
- ◆ The provisions of this section shall be in force and effect on and after the effective date of this act (January 21, 2022) through January 20, 2023. The provisions of the section shall expire on January 20, 2023
- ◆ If the employer utilizes a nurse that does not have a multistate license, however is licensed in another state, it is the responsibility of the employer to give the nurse the information about the form on our website they will need to complete and submit
- ◆ House Bill 2477 is available on our website.
- ◆ Continue to check our [website](#) frequently for updates!!

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. Stay safe and healthy!

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