

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

ADVISORY OPINION

RE: LPN's Participating in Utilization Review

This opinion is an addendum to the Advisory Opinion adopted 12/8/95 which described the scope of practice of the professional nurse to include case management, utilization review, quality management, discharge planning, risk management, and teaching. The Advisory Opinion adopted 12/8/95 nor this Advisory Opinion preclude the practice of delegation as outlines in NAC 632.222 nor the collaboration of personnel with other expertise.

It is the opinion of the Nevada State Board of Nursing that Licensed Practical Nurses may participate in Utilization Review process if:

1. The employing agency has polices and procedures identifying:
 - a. the role and responsibilities which may be delegated by an RN pursuant to NRS 632.222; and
 - b. the process for assessment of the LPN's competence to carry out the duties is identified in the job description;
2. The LPN holds certification or is actively working toward certification by ABQAURP, NAHQ, or a comparable body approved by the Board;
3. The LPN performs these activities pursuant to NRS 632.240;
4. The requirements of the Nurse Practice Act and the regulations implementing that act, most notably NAC 632.224 through 632.242, are met.

Authority:

The Nevada State Board of Nursing has authority pursuant to NAC 632.935 and NRS 632.120, to issue Board Practice Advisory Opinions interpreting NAC 632.212.

Adopted by the Boar on March 6, 1997