

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Practice Decision

RN Scope in Out of Hospital Administration of IV Solutions and Medications

The Nevada State Board of Nursing finds that it is within the scope of practice of a qualified Licensed Professional Nurse (RN) to administer IV solutions and medications to patients in out-of-hospital settings providing the RN conforms with requirements set forth in the following practice decision.

Procedure:

When establishing intravenous access/line and administering intravenous fluids, that may include prescribed medications, an RN must first receive an order from a practitioner in accordance with NAC 632.220. When the RN is administering IV Solutions and Medications in the non-hospital setting, he/she is responsible to practice within his or her scope of practice in accordance with NAC 632.225.

Requirements for administering IV solutions and medications in an out-of-hospital setting:

1. An RN must have an order from a qualified licensed practitioner who has assessed the patient prior to the order.
2. Only a qualified licensed practitioner may control and provide access to the IV solutions and/or medications. Upon receipt of the order and upon receiving access to the IV solutions/medications the nurse can remove/possess only the specific solutions/medication that has been ordered for the patient.
3. An RN is responsible for the safe and appropriate transportation of the IV solutions and medications in accordance with manufactures' guidelines.
4. An RN must establish and/or document the intervention in a patient record, that minimally includes the patient's medical information, the practitioner and nurse's assessments/notes and orders.
5. An RN must verify the patient has no documented or reported contraindications or allergies related to the prescribed medications.
6. An RN must practice within their scope of practice and established facility or employer policies as they relate to the safe administration of medication.

Applicable Nevada Statutes and Regulations:

- **NRS 454.201** Dangerous drug defined.
- **NRS 454.316** Possession of dangerous drug without prescription unlawful; penalties; exceptions.
- **NRS 454.213** Authority to possess and administer dangerous drug.
- **NRS 629.515** Telehealth
- **NAC 632.212** Duties included; competency required
- **NAC 632.220** Medication and treatment of patients; response to orders; adjustment of dosage or frequency of medication
- **NAC 632.225** Additional Duties in Areas of Specialization
- **NAC 632.220** Medication and treatment of patients, response to orders; adjustment of dosage or frequency on medication

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