

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Practice Decision

RN&LPN 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) or a licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) meeting IV certification requirements in [NAC 632.475](#) to administer IV solutions and medications to patients in out-of-hospital settings. The nurse must conform with requirements set forth in the following practice decision.

Procedure:

When establishing intravenous access/line and administering intravenous fluids, that may include prescribed medications, the nurse must first receive an order from a practitioner in accordance with [NAC 632.220](#). The RN or LPN must practice within their scope of practice in accordance with [NAC 632.225](#) and [NAC 632.242](#) respectively.

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

1. 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 gaining access to the IV solutions/medications the nurse can remove/possess only the specific solutions/medication that has been ordered for the patient.
3. The nurse is responsible for the safe and appropriate transportation of the IV solutions and medications in accordance with manufactures' guidelines.
4. The nurse 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. The nurse must verify the patient has no documented or reported contraindications or allergies related to the prescribed medications.
6. The nurse 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

Nevada Regulations specific to LPN IV Practices:

- [NAC 632.242](#) LPN additional duties in area of specialization.
- [NAC 632.450](#) Procedures delegable to licensed practical nurses.
- [NAC 632.455](#) Procedures delegable to licensed practical nurses.
- [NAC 632.460](#) Labeling required on containers.
- [NAC 632.475](#) Subject and hours required for course on intravenous therapy; evidence of Maintenance or improvement of knowledge and skills.

Add NAC 632.242 632.450. 632.455, 632.460, 632.475

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