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OPINION: APRN PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY
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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of APRN RN LPN CNA

ADVISORY OPINION APRN PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

In accordance with Wyo. Stat. §33-21-122(c)(iii) of the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act (NPA), the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) has approved the following Advisory Opinion APRN Prescriptive Authority.

WSBN Rules and Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 6(b)(i)(A) states, “The Board may issue a graduate temporary permit for APRN, RN, LPN and CNA. However, **a graduate temporary permit shall not include: Prescriptive authority for GAPRNs.**” (Emphasis added).

WSBN Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 2(b)(i) states, “The Board may authorize an APRN to prescribe medications and devices, within the recognized scope of APRN’s role and population focus, and in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the WPA, WCSA, the FCSA, and their applicable Rules and Regulations.”

Further, in Chapter 3, Section 2(b)(iv)(A-E), prescriptive authorization will be terminated if the APRN has:

- (A) Not maintained current recognition as an APRN;
- (B) Prescribed outside the scope of recognized APRN's role and population focus or for other than therapeutic purposes;
- (C) Not completed four hundred (400) hours of practice as an APRN within the past two (2) years;
- (D) Not documented fifteen (15) contact hours of pharmacology within the past two (2) years; or
- (E) Violated the standards of practice, Board Rules, or the NPA.

It is not a standard of practice for the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) without prescriptive authority to write prescriptions and have it co-signed by a lawful prescriber.