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POLICY & PROCEDURE

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TITLE: Advisory Opinions		
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Resources: WSBN Advisory Opinion Annual Review policy		

PURPOSE: To outline the Advisory Opinion process

PROCEDURE:

An Advisory Opinion adopted by WSBN is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion of WSBN regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the functions of nursing.

As addressed in the Practice & Education Committee charges, Advisory Opinions will be created or revised as needed for Board consideration. The need to create or revise an Advisory Opinion is decided by the appropriate Committee, resulting from an informal process via state or national trends, questions, events, or clarifications requested from stakeholders or licensees. Advisory Opinions cover primarily nursing practice but may also be used for nursing education. At minimum, an annual review of published Advisory Opinions will be conducted by the Committees (see Advisory Opinions Annual Review Policy.) At the time of creation or revision, the P&E Consultant will research current evidence based practice, association position statements as well as opinions from other states. A consistent template shall be utilized for formatting.

Advisory opinions will be posted to the WSBN website and are accessible by licensees, certificate holders and the public. New Advisory Opinions should be emailed to the entire list of CNOs in the state of Wyoming. Advisory Opinions are listed in alphabetical order and may be found on the website at: <https://nursing-online.state.wy.us/Default.aspx?page=56>. Advisory Opinions are also located on the network drive at N:/Practice/Advisory opinions.