

Mississippi Board of Nursing

Scope of Practice Decision Making Model for APRN/RN/LPN

The use of the Mississippi Board of Nursing Decision-Making Model does not independently establish scope of practice or confer authority to perform a procedure. Rather, it is a tool **that** provides a structured framework to guide professional clinical judgment. Decisions must be based upon current evidence-based practice, nationally recognized standards and best practices, documented education from a credentialed educational source, validated competency, employer policies and procedures, available resources, and the nurse's ability to safely perform the procedure while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. This Model should undergo periodic review by the Board's Practice Committee at minimum every three (3) years.

STEP 1: Decision Box 1

Is the activity, skill, procedure, role or intervention prohibited by the Mississippi NPA/Administrative Code, board rules/regulations, accreditation standards or professional scope of practice?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part 2840 Advanced Practice.pdf](#)

NO ↓



STEP 2: Decision Box 2

Is performing the activity, function, intervention, task, or role consistent with current evidence-based practice research or scope of practice from national nursing organizations?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part 2840 Advanced Practice](#)

Position Statements: [Position Statements | Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

Frequently asked questions: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) | Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

YES ↓



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STEP 3: Decision Box 3

Is there an authorized medical order for the procedure?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

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YES↓

No → STOP

STEP 4: Decision Box 4

Does the facilities current policies and procedures in the practice area support performing the activity, function, procedure, task, or intervention for the license type held by the nurse?

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Frequently asked questions: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) | Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

National Council State Boards of Nursing: [National Council of State Boards of Nursing | NCSBN](#)

YES ↓

No → STOP

STEP 5: Decision Box 5

Has the nurse completed the necessary education and/or certification to safely perform the activity, function, procedure, task, or intervention in the organization or facility?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part2840 Advanced Practice](#)

YES ↓

No → STOP

STEP 6: Decision Box 6

Is there documented evidence of the nurse's current competence (knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgments) to safely perform the activity, function, intervention, task or role?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part2840 Advanced Practice](#)

YES ↓

No → 

STEP 7: Decision Box 7

Does the nurse have the appropriate resources to perform the activity, function, task, intervention, or role in the organization or facility?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Position Statements: [Position Statements | Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

Frequently asked questions: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) | Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

YES ↓

No → 

STEP 8: Decision Box 8

Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform the activity, intervention, or role in a similar circumstance with similar training and experience?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part2840 Advanced Practice](#)

YES ↓

No → 

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STEP 9: Decision Box 9

Is the nurse prepared to accept accountability for the activity, function, task, intervention, or role and for the related outcomes?

Nursing Practice Act: [Nurse Practice Law.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Practice of Nursing: [Part 2830 Practice of Nursing.pdf](#)

Administrative Code/Advanced Practice: [Part2840 Advanced Practice](#)

YES ↓

The nurse may perform the activity, task, function, intervention, or role to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care.

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