

Telephonic and Electronic Nursing in Nebraska

Pursuant to the Nebraska Nurse Practice Act, 38-2210, "The Practice of nursing means the performance for compensation or gratuitously of any act expressing judgment or skill based upon a systematized body of nursing knowledge. Such acts include the identification of and intervention in actual or potential health problems of individuals, families, or groups, which acts are directed toward maintaining health status, preventing illness, injury, or infirmity, improving health status, and providing care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being through nursing assessment and through the execution of nursing care and of diagnostic or therapeutic regimens prescribed by any person lawfully authorized to prescribe."

Nursing practice occurs at the location in which the client is located at the time nursing service is rendered, regardless of the location of the nurse providing the service. If a nurse is providing any services defined in the Nurse Practice Act via telephone or any other electronic means to a client residing in Nebraska, they must be licensed as a nurse in the State of Nebraska or have the privilege to practice by the Nurse Licensure Compact. These services include, but are not limited to telephonic case management, electronically sending and receiving patient health data, telephone triage services, electronically initiating and transmitting therapeutic interventions and regimens, education, counseling, outcome evaluation, and disease monitoring.

This statement is in accordance with position statements from the American Nurses Association, the Case Management Society of America, The American Telemedicine Association, the Association of Telehealth Service Providers, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

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