



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.27 Standard care arrangements.

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(A) As used in this section, "collaboration," "physician," "standard care arrangement," and "supervision" have the same meanings as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (D)(1) of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code, a physician or podiatrist shall enter into a standard care arrangement with each clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner with whom the physician or podiatrist is in collaboration. The collaborating physician or podiatrist shall fulfill the responsibilities of collaboration, as specified in the arrangement and in accordance with division (A) of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code. A copy of the standard care arrangement shall be retained on file at each site where the nurse practices. Prior approval of the standard care arrangement by the state medical board is not required, but the board may periodically review it.

Nothing in this division prohibits a hospital from hiring a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner as an employee and negotiating standard care arrangements on behalf of the employee as necessary to meet the requirements of this section. A standard care arrangement between the hospital's employee and the employee's collaborating physician is subject to approval by the medical staff and governing body of the hospital prior to implementation of the arrangement at the hospital.

(C) With respect to a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner participating in an externship pursuant to an initial certificate to prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code, the physician responsible for evaluating the externship shall provide the state medical board with the name of the nurse. If the externship is terminated for any reason, the physician shall notify the board.

(D) A physician or podiatrist shall cooperate with the board of nursing in any investigation the board conducts with respect to a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who collaborates with the physician or podiatrist or with respect to a certified registered



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nurse anesthetist who practices with the supervision of the physician or podiatrist.