

Authorization for Collaborative Practice

The revised APRN regulations, which become effective May 18, 2012, state that any APRN (clinical nurse specialist, nurse midwife, or nurse practitioner) who interdependently develops and manages the medical plan of care for patients or clients is required to have a signed authorization for collaborative practice with a physician who is licensed in Kansas.

60-11-101 (b) "Authorization for collaborative practice" shall mean that an APRN is authorized to develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients based upon an agreement developed jointly and signed by the APRN and one or more physicians. Each APRN and physician shall jointly review the authorization for collaborative practice annually. Each authorization for collaborative practice shall include a cover page containing the names and telephone numbers of the APRN and the physician, their signatures, and the date of review by the APRN and the physician. Each authorization for collaborative practice shall be maintained in either hard copy or electronic format at the APRN's principal place of practice.

This authorization for collaborative practice shall include but is not limited to:

- 1) a cover page containing the names and telephone numbers of the APRN and the physician, their signatures, and the date of review by the APRN and the physician.
- 2) maintained in either hard copy or electronic format at the APRN's principal place of practice
- 3) if an advanced registered nurse practitioner is prescribing drugs, a written protocol that contains a precise and detailed medical plan of care for each classification of disease or injury for which the advanced registered nurse practitioner is authorized to prescribe and shall specify all drugs which may be prescribed by the advanced registered nurse practitioner. (K.S.A. 65-1130 (d))

(This could be published protocols or practice guidelines that have been reviewed and agreed upon by both the APRN and physician.)