

**60-11-105. Functions of the advanced practice registered nurse in the role of nurse-midwife.** Each advanced practice registered nurse in the role of nurse-midwife shall function in an advanced role through the application of advanced skills and knowledge of women's health care through the life span and shall be authorized to perform the following:

- (a) Provide independent nursing diagnosis, as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113(b) and amendments thereto, and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113(c) and amendments thereto;
- (b) develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice;
- (c) provide health care services for which the nurse-midwife is educationally prepared and for which competency has been established and maintained. Educational preparation may include academic coursework, workshops, institutes, and seminars if theory or clinical experience, or both, are included;
- (d) in a manner consistent with subsection (c), provide health care for women, focusing on gynecological needs, pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn, and family planning, including indicated partner evaluation, treatment, and referral for infertility and sexually transmitted diseases; and
- (e) provide innovation in evidence-based nursing practice based upon advanced clinical expertise, decision making, and leadership skills and serve as a consultant, researcher, and patient advocate for individuals, families, groups, and communities to achieve quality, cost-effective patient outcomes and solutions.

**History:** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-1113, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 39, and K.S.A. 65-1130, as amended by L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 44; effective May 1, 1984; amended, T-85-16, June 5, 1984; amended May 1, 1985; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended May 18, 2012.)