

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to autonomous practice for certified  
 3           psychiatric nurses; amending s. 464.0123, F.S.;  
 4           authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse who  
 5           is certified as a psychiatric nurse practitioner to  
 6           engage in autonomous practice under certain  
 7           circumstances; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 12   464.0123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           464.0123 Autonomous practice by an advanced practice  
 14   registered nurse.—

15           (3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

16           (a) An advanced practice registered nurse who is  
 17   registered under this section may:

18           1. Engage in autonomous practice only in primary care  
 19   practice, including family medicine, general pediatrics, and  
 20   general internal medicine, as defined by board rule. For  
 21   advanced practice registered nurses who are certified as  
 22   psychiatric nurses, engage in autonomous practice only in the  
 23   performance of psychiatric mental health, as defined by board  
 24   rule.

25           2. For certified nurse midwives, engage in autonomous

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26 | practice in the performance of the acts listed in s.  
 27 | 464.012(4)(c).

28 |       3. Perform the general functions of an advanced practice  
 29 | registered nurse under s. 464.012(3) related to primary care.

30 |       4. For a patient who requires the services of a health  
 31 | care facility, as defined in s. 408.032(8):

32 |       a. Admit the patient to the facility.

33 |       b. Manage the care received by the patient in the  
 34 | facility.

35 |       c. Discharge the patient from the facility, unless  
 36 | prohibited by federal law or rule.

37 |       5. Provide a signature, certification, stamp,  
 38 | verification, affidavit, or endorsement that is otherwise  
 39 | required by law to be provided by a physician, except an  
 40 | advanced practice registered nurse registered under this section  
 41 | may not issue a physician certification under s. 381.986.

42 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.