

By Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to autonomous practice of certain
3 psychiatric nurses; amending s. 464.0123, F.S.;
4 authorizing certain advanced practice registered
5 nurses who are psychiatric nurses to engage in
6 autonomous practice in mental health practice, as
7 defined by rule of the Board of Nursing; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
13 464.0123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

16 (3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

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

19 1. Engage in autonomous practice only in primary care
20 practice, including family medicine, general pediatrics, and
21 general internal medicine, as defined by board rule. If an
22 advanced practice registered nurse is a psychiatric nurse, he or
23 she may also engage in autonomous practice in mental health
24 practice, as defined by board rule.

25 2. For certified nurse midwives, engage in autonomous
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.

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30 4. For a patient who requires the services of a health care
31 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 facility.

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

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

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