

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to advanced practice registered nurse
3 autonomous practice; amending s. 464.0123, F.S.;
4 authorizing certain advanced practice registered
5 nurses to engage in autonomous practice to provide
6 mental health services under certain circumstances;
7 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. If an
21 advanced practice registered nurse is certified as a psychiatric
22 mental health advanced practice nurse, he or she may engage in
23 autonomous practice to provide mental health services, as
24 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.

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, 2026.