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540-X-18-.02 General Requirements.

(1) The Board is the certifying board which may issue or deny a QACSC for a

CRNP or CNM.

(2) Beginning October 1, 2013, QACSCs may be issued by the Board to

CRNPs and CNMs.

(3) A CRNP or CNM who prescribes, administers, or authorizes for

administration any controlled substance within Alabama or who proposes to engage in

the prescribing, administering, or authorizing for administration within Alabama shall

obtain, annually, a QACSC for each collaborative practice agreement approved by the

Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

(4) A CRNP or CNM who prescribes, administers, or authorizes for

administration, or who proposes to engage in the prescribing, administering, or

authorizing for administration of any controlled substance within Alabama shall obtain

the appropriate registration or registrations issued by the United States Drug

Enforcement Administration.

(5) A CRP or CNM who applies for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Certificate shall provide the Board with the DEA registration number authorizing his or her

prescribing of controlled substances in Alabama at the time of application, or, if no such

registration has been issued, shall provide the Board with the DEA registration number

as soon as it is issued. Each CRNP or CNM who is issued a Qualified Alabama Controlled

Substances Certificate shall provide a copy of the DEA registration certificate to the Board

immediately upon renewal of the registration.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama §§ 20-2-250, et. seq.; Act 2013-223

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540-X-18-.03 Requirements for the Issuance of a Qualified Alabama Controlled

Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC).

To qualify for a QACSC, an individual must meet the following requirements:

Be a CRNP or CNM who is practicing in accordance with § 34-21-5, Code (1)

of Alabama 1975, as amended, and all Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of

Medical Examiners rules governing collaboration between a qualified physician and a

qualified CRNP or CNM and who is in a collaborative practice with a physician who holds

and maintains a valid, current and unrestricted ACSC;

Submit proof of successful completion of a course or courses (AMA PRA (2)

Category 1™) approved by the Board which includes eight (8) hours of instruction

regarding the prescribing of controlled substances and four (4) hours of advanced

pharmacology and prescribing trends relating to controlled substances within one (1) year

preceding the filing of an application for a QACSC.

Provide accurate and complete documentation of a minimum of twelve (12) (3)

months of active clinical practice pursuant to one or more collaborative practice

agreements approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of

Medical Examiners. Temporary approval practice and provisional approval practice shall

not be considered or used to meet this requirement;

Provide information regarding whether the QACSC will be utilized at a (4)

remote site and/or in a different type of clinical setting than the collaborating physician.

Submit an application on forms provided by the Board; and (5)

Pay the required application fee required by the Board. (6)

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540-X-18-.03.01 <u>Application for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances</u>

Registration Certificate (QACSC).

An applicant for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate shall disclose whether:

- (1) Applicant's privilege for prescribing controlled substances has ever been suspended, restricted, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, revoked, or disciplined in any manner in any state or U.S. territory.
- (2) Applicant has ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance.
- (3) Any Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration ever held by applicant has ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation.
- (4) Applicant's privileges at any hospitals have ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or administering of controlled substances.
- (5) Applicant is currently engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or receiving any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues.
- (a) If applicant is an anonymous participant in the Alabama Board of Nursing's Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program and is in compliance with their assistance agreement, they may answer "No" to this question. Such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

- (b) The term "currently" as it is used in paragraph (5) above does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of the application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife within the last two years.
- (c) Applicant shall initial certifying an understanding of a statement of the duty as a registrant to address any such condition, which states as follows:

 IMPORTANT: The Board recognizes that registrants encounter health conditions, including those involving mental health and substance use disorders, just as their patients and other health care providers do. The Board expects its registrants to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Options include anonymously self-referring to the Alabama Board of Nursing's Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (334-293-5200), an advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of nursing professionals in a confidential manner. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the registrant is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the QACSC.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

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540-X-18-.05.01 Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances

Registration Certificate (QACSC) – Required Disclosures.

- (1) The applicant shall disclose whether:
- (a) Applicant's privilege for dispensing or prescribing controlled substances has ever been suspended, restricted, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, revoked, or disciplined in any manner in any state or U.S. territory.
- (b) Applicant has ever been convicted of any state or federal crime relating to any controlled substance.
- (c) Any Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration ever held by applicant has ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation.
- (d) Applicant's privileges at any hospitals have ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances.
- (e) Applicant is currently engaged in the excessive use of alcohol, controlled substances, or the use of illegal drugs, or receiving any therapy or treatment for alcohol or drug use, sexual boundary issues or mental health issues.
- 1. If applicant is an anonymous participant in the Alabama Board of Nursing's Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program and is in compliance with their assistance agreement, they may answer "No" to this question. Such answer for this purpose will not be deemed upon certification as providing false information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

- 2. The term "currently" as it is used in paragraph (5) above does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of the application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife within the last two years.
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Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

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540-X-18-.07 <u>Utilization of Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration</u>

<u>Certificate (QACSC) - Limitations.</u>

- (1) The authority of a CRNP or CNM to prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration pursuant to a QACSC is limited to those controlled substances enumerated in Schedules III, IV and V.
- (2) A CRNP or CNM shall not use the authority of his or her QACSC to prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration any controlled substance enumerated in Schedule I or Schedule II.
- (3) A CRNP or CNM shall prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration controlled substances in accordance with the requirements of §§ 20-2-250 through 20-2-259, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; any other applicable sections of the Alabama Uniform Controlled Substances Act (§ 20-2-1, et. seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended); Board rules; protocols, formularies, and medical regimens established by the Board for regulation of a QACSC; and any requirements or limitations established in an approved formulary by the collaborating physician.
- (4) A CRNP or CNM shall not utilize his or her QACSC for the purchasing, obtaining, maintaining or ordering of any stock supply or inventory of any controlled substance in any form.
- (5) A CRNP or CNM who has been issued a valid and current QACSC may accept from pharmaceutical representatives prepackaged samples or starter packs in their original packages or containers for controlled substances enumerated in Schedules III, IV or V, subject to any restriction or limitations on the CRNP's or CNM's approved formulary and subject to any protocols or medical regimens established by the Board.

- (6) A CRNP or CNM shall not prescribe, administer, or authorize for administration any controlled substance to his or her own self, spouse, child or parent.
- (7) If the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of the collaborating physician under whose supervision the CRNP or CNM utilizes a QACSC becomes inactive, revoked, suspended, restricted, or placed on probation, then the QACSC of the CRNP or CNM shall be administratively terminated by operation of law.
- (8) When utilizing controlled substances for the treatment of pain, a QACSC holder shall comply with Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-4-.08, Requirements for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain.

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540-X-18-.07.01 <u>Prescription Guidelines- Qualified Alabama Controlled</u>

<u>Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)</u>.

- (1) When prescribing controlled substances, a CRNP or CNM shall use a prescription form that includes all of the following:
- (a) The name, medical practice site address, and telephone number of the collaborating physician.
 - (b) The name of the CRNP or CNM;
- (c) The medical practice site address and telephone number of the CRNP or CNM if different from that of the collaborating physician;
- (d) CRNP or CNM 's registered nurse license number assigned by the Board of Nursing.
- (e) The words "Product Selection Permitted" printed on one side of the prescription form directly beneath a signature line;
- (f) The words "Dispense as written" printed on one side of the prescription form directly beneath a signature line.
 - (g) The date that the prescription is issued to the patient.
 - (h) The patient's full name and address.
 - (i) The CRNP or CNM's QACSC registration number.

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