

**Request for Charge to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee  
Regarding Standards of Review and Scope of Practice for Advanced Practice  
Registered Nurses**

**Background:** The Board routinely receives complaints regarding APRNs practicing outside their authorized scopes of practice. A large number of the complaints involve APRNs providing care to patients outside their authorized population foci, such as a pediatric nurse practitioner prescribing vitamin injections for adult patients and family nurse practitioners providing care to complex psychiatric patients. Other examples include off-label prescribing of atypical anti-psychotic medication to young children without evidence based research to support the practice; using non-FDA approved tests to diagnose allergies and inflammation without evidence based research to support the practice; and performing aesthetic and cosmetic procedures, including liposuction.

Not all of the complaints received result in discipline. However, it has become apparent to Board Staff that additional Board guidance is needed regarding the inappropriate expansion of an APRN's authorized scope of practice beyond the APRN's training, experience, and education. Further, additional guidance regarding the Board's processes in reviewing complaints regarding scope of practice violations may be useful to licensees and the public.

**Board Action:** Move to charge the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) to review the Board's rules and make recommendations regarding rule revisions related to the inappropriate expansion of an APRN's scope of practice. Further, charge the APNAC to make recommendations regarding rule revisions related to the Board's processes for reviewing complaints regarding scope of practice violations. Move to charge the APNAC to make recommendations for the creation of related guidance documents, such as FAQs or position statements.