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**Standards of nursing practice promoting client safety.**

- (A) At all times when a licensed nurse is providing direct nursing care to a client the licensed nurse shall display the applicable title or initials set forth in division (C) of section 4723.03 of the Revised Code to identify the nurse's relevant licensure as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse.
- (B) At all times when a certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist is providing direct nursing care to a client, the nurse shall display the applicable title or initials set forth in division (C) of section 4723.03 of the Revised Code to identify relevant approval either as a certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist.
- (C) At all times when a licensed nurse is engaged in nursing practice and interacting with the client, or health care providers on behalf of the client, through any form of telecommunication, the licensed nurse shall identify to each client or health care provider the nurse's title or initials set forth in division (C) of section 4723.03 of the Revised Code to identify applicable licensure or approval as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist.
- (D) A licensed nurse shall delegate a nursing task, including medication administration, only in accordance with Chapter 4723-13 of the Administrative Code or delegate giving oral or applying topical medications in accordance with Chapters~~Chapter~~ 4723-13, 4723-23, 4723-26, or 4723-27 ~~4723-21 or 4723-22~~ of the Administrative Code.
- (E) A licensed nurse shall, in a complete, accurate, and timely manner, report and document nursing assessments or observations, the care provided by the nurse for the client, and the client's response to that care.
- (F) A licensed nurse shall, in an accurate and timely manner, report to the appropriate practitioner errors in or deviations from the current valid order.
- (G) A licensed nurse shall not falsify any client record or any other document prepared or utilized in the course of, or in conjunction with, nursing practice. This includes, but is not limited to, case management documents or reports or time records, reports, and other documents related to billing for nursing services.
- (H) A licensed nurse shall implement measures to promote a safe environment for each client.

(I) A licensed nurse shall delineate, establish, and maintain professional boundaries with each client.

(J) At all times when a licensed nurse is providing direct nursing care to a client the licensed nurse shall:

- (1) Provide privacy during examination or treatment and in the care of personal or bodily needs; and
- (2) Treat each client with courtesy, respect, and with full recognition of dignity and individuality.

(K) A licensed nurse shall not:

- (1) Engage in behavior that causes or may cause physical, verbal, mental, or emotional abuse to a client;
- (2) Engage in behavior toward a client that may reasonably be interpreted as physical, verbal, mental, or emotional abuse.

(L) A licensed nurse shall not misappropriate a client's property or:

- (1) Engage in behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the client's expense;
- (2) Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the client's expense;
- (3) Engage in behavior that constitutes inappropriate involvement in the client's personal relationships and financial matters; or
- (4) Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as inappropriate involvement in the client's personal relationships and financial matters.

For the purpose of this paragraph, the client is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to the behaviors by the nurse set forth in this paragraph.

(M) A licensed nurse shall not:

- (1) Engage in sexual conduct with a client;

- (2) Engage in conduct in the course of practice that may reasonably be interpreted as sexual;
- (3) Engage in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a client; or
- (4) Engage in verbal behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as seductive, or sexually demeaning to a client.

For the purpose of this paragraph, the client is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to sexual activity with the nurse.

(N) A licensed nurse, when functioning in an administrative role, shall ~~assure that adequate procedures are in place and implemented to~~ verify that: each nurse, or dialysis technician, or medication aide under the nurse administrator has:

- (1) A current valid license to practice nursing in Ohio or a current valid certificate to practice as a dialysis technician or medication aide in Ohio; and
- (2) If applicable, other documents of approval or certification as required by the board.

(O) When nursing practice, as set forth in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, is supervised or evaluated, only a registered nurse shall:

- (1) Supervise the practice of nursing, as set forth in Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board, by other registered nurses and licensed practical nurses; or
- (2) Evaluate the practice of nursing, as set forth in Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board, by other registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a licensed practical nurse from participating in activities which contribute to the delivery of patient care services. Such participation may include, but is not limited to, scheduling of coverage for nursing services and observation and documentation by a licensed practical nurse regarding care provided by assistive personnel.

In matters other than the practice of nursing, a non-nursing supervisor may evaluate a nurse employee.

(P) A licensed nurse shall not ~~make submit or cause to be submitted~~ any false, misleading, or deceptive statements, ~~or submit or cause to be submitted any false, misleading or deceptive~~ information, or documentation to: ~~the board, to current employers, or to any future employers for positions requiring a nursing license.~~

(1) The board or any representative of the board;

(2) Current employers;

(3) Prospective employers when applying for positions requiring a nursing license;

(4) Facilities in which organizations for whom the nurse is working a temporary or agency assignment;

(5) Other members of the client's health care team; or

(6) Law enforcement personnel.

In addition to the requirements of this paragraph, a licensed nurse shall no make false statements to clients, members of a client's family, or a client's significant other.

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