Advanced Practice Nurses Dispensing Maintenance or Detoxification Treatment Drugs

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Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:
The official comment period ended August 16, 2019. The Board received a comment from Geoffrey Boyce, Chief Executive Officer, InSight Telepsychiatry, LLC

COMMENT: The commenter supports the new rule.

RESPONSE: The Board thanks the commenter for his support.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the rulemaking.

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 7. CERTIFICATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES

13:37-7.10A Dispensing narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment

(a) An advanced practice nurse may dispense narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment if the advanced practice nurse has met the training requirements of, and is registered pursuant to, subsection (G) of 21 U.S.C. § 823.

(b) If an advanced practice nurse is qualified to dispense narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment pursuant to (a) above, he or she may dispense such drugs even if his or her collaborating physician has not met the requirements of subsection (G) of 21 U.S.C. § 823, as long as the joint protocol between the advanced practice nurse and the collaborating physician includes the physician's written approval for the dispensing of such drugs.

(c) An advanced practice nurse may prescribe services for treatment of substance use disorder, pursuant to the joint protocol between the advanced practice nurse and his or her collaborating physician.