

1 HOUSE BILL 280

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Joanne J. Ferrary and Micaela Lara Cadena and Karen C. Bash and
5 Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

6
7
8
9
10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING HEALTH FACILITIES TO GRANT
12 CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND
13 CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN PARITY WITH PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES.

14
15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] HEALTH FACILITIES--CERTIFIED
17 NURSE PRACTITIONERS--CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES--PRIVILEGES--
18 PARITY WITH PHYSICIANS.--

19 A. Unless required by federal law, a health
20 facility shall establish the same criteria for granting patient
21 admitting or discharge privileges or in authorizing continuing
22 patient care for certified nurse practitioners, certified
23 nurse-midwives and clinical nurse specialists as the health
24 facility has established for physicians.

25 B. A health facility shall ensure that certified

.211684.1

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives and clinical
2 nurse specialists acting in accordance with these
3 professionals' respective scopes of practice under New Mexico
4 law are:

5 (1) eligible to serve on the health facility's
6 medical staff;

7 (2) credentialed under the same procedures as
8 the health facility has established for physicians; and

9 (3) authorized to conduct peer review of their
10 professional colleagues.

11 C. As used in this section:

12 (1) "certified nurse-midwife" means an
13 individual licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the
14 Nursing Practice Act and licensed by the department of health
15 as a certified nurse-midwife;

16 (2) "certified nurse practitioner" means a
17 registered nurse who is licensed by the board of nursing for
18 advanced practice as a certified nurse practitioner pursuant to
19 the Nursing Practice Act;

20 (3) "health facility" means a health facility
21 licensed by the department of health pursuant to the Public
22 Health Act; and

23 (4) "physician" means an individual licensed
24 to practice as a medical doctor or an osteopathic physician.