

## **21 NCAC 32M .0102 SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

The nurse practitioner's scope of practice is defined by academic educational preparation and national certification and maintained competence. A nurse practitioner shall be held accountable by both Boards for a broad range of personal health services managing patient care for which the nurse practitioner is educationally prepared and for which competency has been maintained, with physician supervision and collaboration as described in Rule .0110 of this Subchapter. These services include:

- (1) promotion and maintenance of health;
- (2) prevention of illness and disability;
- (3) diagnosing, treating, and managing acute and chronic illnesses;
- (4) guidance and counseling for both individuals and families;
- (5) prescribing, administering, and dispensing therapeutic measures, tests, procedures, and drugs;
- (6) planning for situations beyond the nurse practitioner's scope of practice and expertise by consulting with and referring to other health care providers as appropriate; and
- (7) evaluating health outcomes.

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