

Examples, FAQs, & Additional Guidance for Kentucky Board of Nursing RN/LPN Scope of Practice Comparison Chart

Documentation and Reporting

Communication is required to be documented on essential records, including all aspects of nursing care for which the nurse is responsible, such as reporting and recording of significant information, and should include:

- Directing communication to the appropriate person(s) consistent with established facility policies, procedures, practices, and channels of communication;
- Communicating within a timely manner, which is consistent with the patient's need for care;
- Evaluating responses to information reported; and
- Determining whether further communication is indicated.

Documentation on the appropriate patient record, plan of care, or other essential records should:

- Be pertinent to the patient's health care, including the patient's response to care provided;
- Accurately describe all aspects of nursing care provided;
- Be completed within a timely manner consistent with the patient's need for care;
- Reflect the communication of significant information to other persons; and
- Verify proper administration and security of medications.

- **Example:** The LPN documents patient pain assessment and re-evaluation, medication administered, and an increase in O2 therapy. The LPN discusses the patient's status with the RN. The LPN notifies the APRN using the SBAR report to update them on the patient's status and repeats and verifies any new orders.