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

Planning

The LPN participates in planning by suggesting goals and interventions for the plan of care to the RN. The RN formulates a nursing diagnosis on the basis of assessment activities. The RN establishes and maintains the plan of care. The LPN participates in the ongoing assessments and modifications to the plan of care.

- Example: The RN and LPN discuss and identify priority nursing interventions for the post-procedure patient and notify the qualified healthcare provider using the SBAR report.
 - Interventions and goals may include:
 - Administer O2 therapy via nasal cannula to maintain O2 saturation >95%.
 - Administer morphine 4mg IVP x1 dose now to achieve a pain level <5 on the numeric pain scale.
 - Administer nitroglycerin 0.4mg SL every 5 minutes, max 3 doses within 15 minutes.
 - Obtain an EKG to rule out STEMI or other cardiac events.
 - Obtain labs to identify and treat any electrolyte abnormalities or cardiac problems.