Hawai‘i APRN Scope of Practice
Decision Making Flow Chart

Identify, describe, or clarify the activity/task/intervention, or role under consideration.

Is the activity/task/intervention, or role expressly prohibited in the nurse practice act or federal law?

YES ➔ STOP

NO ➔

Is performing the activity, task, intervention, or role consistent with reasonable and prudent practice, evidence-based nursing, and/or current health care literature?

YES ➔

Is performing the activity/task/intervention, or role consistent with your:
• Graduate APRN role and education;
• National Certification’s standards of practice relative to your population foci and, if applicable, additional specialty designation;
• Institution policies and procedures and accreditation standards;
Maintain documentation that supports your ability to safely perform the activity, intervention, or role and the process used to achieve the necessary knowledge, skills, and ongoing competency of the expanded or new procedures.

YES ➔

Do you have the necessary knowledge, skills, competencies, and abilities at the advancement practice level to perform the activity/task/intervention or role safely?

YES ➔

Do you have the appropriate resources to perform the activity/task/intervention, or role safely and competently?

YES ➔

Are you prepared and willing to:
• Manage the outcomes for the activity/task/intervention or role?
• Assume accountability and liability for your decisions and outcomes?

YES ➔

The APRN may consider performing the activity/task/intervention or role to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe care.

Resources:
Hawai‘i Board of Nursing http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/
*NCSBN Consensus Model https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn-consensus.htm
*Hawaii aligned it’s laws and rules to the APRN Consensus model in 2014.

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