

**655—7.1(17A,124,147,152) Definitions.**

*“Advanced registered nurse practitioner”* or *“ARNP”* means a person who is currently licensed as a registered nurse under Iowa Code chapter 152 or chapter 152E who is licensed by the board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

*“Asynchronous store-and-forward transmission”* means the collection of a patient’s relevant health information and the subsequent transmission of the data from an originating site to a health care provider at a distant site without the presence of the patient.

*“Board”* as used in this chapter means the Iowa board of nursing.

*“Collaboration”* is the process whereby an ARNP and physician jointly manage the care of a client.

*“Controlled substance”* means a drug in Schedules II through V of subchapter II of Iowa Code chapter 124.

*“Cross-coverage”* means a licensee who engages in a remote evaluation of a patient, without in-person contact, at the request of another licensed health care provider who has established a proper practitioner-patient relationship with the patient.

*“Dispense”* means to provide a prescription drug to a patient for self-use outside of the ARNP’s practice location. “Dispense” does not include administration.

*“Licensee”* means an individual licensed by the board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

*“National professional certification organization”* means the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, the American Midwifery Certification Board, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, the National Certification Corporation, and the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

*“On call”* means a licensee is available, where necessary, to attend to the urgent and follow-up needs of a patient for whom the licensee has temporarily assumed responsibility, as designated by the patient’s primary care licensee or other health care provider of record.

*“Opioid”* means a drug that produces an agonist effect on opioid receptors and is indicated or used for the treatment of pain.

*“Prescription monitoring program database”* or *“PMP database”* means a centralized database of reportable controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients and includes data access logs, security tracking information, and records of each individual who requests prescription monitoring program (PMP) information as operated by the board of pharmacy.

*“Telehealth”* means the practice of nursing using electronic audiovisual communications and information technologies or other means, including interactive audio with asynchronous store-and-forward transmission, between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location with or without an intervening health care provider. Telehealth includes asynchronous store-and-forward technologies, remote monitoring, and real-time interactive services, including teleradiology and telepathology. Telehealth, for the purposes of this rule, shall not include the provision of nursing services only through an audio-only telephone, email messages, facsimile transmissions, or U.S. mail or other parcel service, or any combination thereof.

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