

**481—617.3(17A,147,152,272C) Mandatory licensure.**

**617.3(1)** A person in the practice of nursing in the state of Iowa as defined in Iowa Code section 152.1, outside of caring for one's family, must have a current Iowa license, whether or not the person's employer is in Iowa and whether or not the person receives compensation. Any nurse participating in the care of a patient situated in Iowa, whether that care is provided through telephonic, electronic or in-person means, and regardless of the location of the nurse, must obtain Iowa licensure unless specifically exempted.

**617.3(2)** Current Iowa licensure is not mandatory when:

*a.* A nurse holds an active multistate license issued by a party state, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152E. A nurse who practices nursing in Iowa pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege is subject to the jurisdiction of the board, the courts, and the laws of Iowa.

*b.* A nurse holds an active license in another state and is providing services to patients in Iowa only during interstate transit.

*c.* A nurse holds an active license in another state and is providing emergency services in an area in which the governor of Iowa has declared a state of emergency.

**617.3(3)** A licensed practical nurse enrolled in an approved program for registered nurses shall hold an active licensed practical nurse license in all jurisdictions in which the licensed practical nurse provides patient care. A registered nurse who is enrolled in an approved program for advanced registered nurse practitioners shall hold an active registered nurse license in all jurisdictions in which the registered nurse provides patient care.

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