



Change Advisory: NPA Update for Division 45

Details

On January 1, 2026, amended Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 851 Division 45 Standards and Scope of Practice for the Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse go into effect. Amendments made to the OARs align Division 45 with the requirements of House Bill 3044 (2025), make grammatical corrections, and update statutory citations. Details concerning the amendments are provided below. In addition to impacting LPN practice, the amendments also impact the RN who is employed or contracted with a public or private school, education service district, long term care facility, or in-home care agency.

This Change Advisory is for informational purposes only. Readers are encouraged to access OAR 851-045 directly at www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/laws-rules.

Summary

Division 45		
Rule Number	Pre 2026 Rule Summary	Jan. 1, 2026, Updates
045-0050 (Amend)	Standards Related to LPN Scope in the Practice of Nursing	Standards Related to LPN Scope in the Practice of Nursing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced term ‘licensed independent practitioner’ with “health care provider” allowing for a physician associate treatment plan to provide clinical direction of LPN practice. Clarifies standards on LPN assignment of focused plan of care interventions to a certified nursing assistant (CNA) and to a certified medication aide (CMA).
045-0060 (Amend)	Standards Related to RN Scope in the Practice of Nursing	Standards Related to RN Scope in the Practice of Nursing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends standards to accommodate use of the term “health care provider.” Clarifies standards on RN assignment of plan of care interventions to a CNA and to a CMA.
045-0062 (Amend)	RN who is employed by a public or private school, or by an education services district or a local public health authority.	RN who is employed by a public or private school, or by an education services district or a local public health authority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “physician” with the term “health care provider” to identify the out-of-state licensed entities from whom an RN employed by a public or private school, or by an education service district or a local public

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		health authority, may accept an order related to the care or treatment of a student who has been enrolled at the school for not more than 90 days.
045-0063 (Amend)	Standards related to the RN who is employed or contracted with a long-term care facility or in-home care agency.	Standards related to the RN who is employed or contracted with a long-term care facility or in-home care agency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “physician” with the term “health care provider” to identify the out-of-state-licensed entities from whom a RN employed by or contracted with a long-term care facility or an in-home care agency, may accept an order related to the care or treatment of an individual who has been a client, patient or resident of the long-term care facility or in-home care agency for not more than 90 days.
045-0065 (Amend)	Standards of Practice for the LPN and RN	Standards of Practice for the LPN and RN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrates use of term “health care provider.”
045-0070 (Amend)	Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined	Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces term “licensed independent practitioner” with “health care provider” in 0070(7). 0070(8)(a) is amended to include health care professionals.