



Change Advisory: NPA Updates to Division 55

Summary

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 55 with the requirements of House Bill 3044 (2025), make grammatical corrections, and update statutory citations. The proposed changes also simplify language to make the practice act more accessible to all readers.

This Change Advisory is for informational purposes only. Readers are encouraged to access OAR 851-055 directly at www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/laws-rules.

Details

Division 55		
Rule Number	Pre 2026 Rule Summary	Summary of Updates
055-0000 (Amend)	Purpose of Scope and Standards of Practice	Purpose of Scope and Standards of Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “prescriptive privileges” with “prescriptive authority.”
055-0010 (Amend)	Scope and Standards of Practice for All Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	Scope and Standards of Practice for All Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “foci” with “focus.”
055-0020 (Amend)	Scope of Practice for Licensed Nurse Practitioners (NP)	Scope of Practice for Licensed Nurse Practitioners (NP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “legend drugs” with “non-controlled prescription medications.”
055-0040 (Amend)	Scope and Standards of Practice for Licensed Clinical Nurse Specialist	Scope and Standards of Practice for Licensed Clinical Nurse Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the term “licensed independent provider” to “healthcare provider.”
055-0070 (Amend)	Standards for Prescriptive Privilege	Standards for Prescriptive Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “prescriptive privileges” with “prescriptive authority.” Replaces the term “legend drugs” with “non-controlled prescription medications.”
055-0072 (Amend)	Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing of	Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing of Prescriptive or Dispensing Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “privilege” with “authority.”

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	Prescriptive or Dispensing Privilege	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “foci” with “focus.”
055-0076 (Amend)	Drug Delivery and Dispensing	Drug Delivery and Dispensing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced the term “privileges” to “authority.” Removes term “licensed independent practitioner.”
055-0080 (Amend)	Office- Based Procedure Care Standards for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists	Office-Based Procedure Care Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the term “licensed independent provider” with “health care provider.” Replaces the term “foci” with “focus.”
055-0090 (Amend)	Special Provisions	Special Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces “privileges” with “authority.”