

AMENDMENTS TO LB905

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 38-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 38-201 Sections 38-201 to 38-212 and sections 3 to 7 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
7 Practice Act.

8 Sec. 2. Section 38-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 38-203 For purposes of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
11 Practice Act and elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the
12 context otherwise requires, the definitions ~~definition~~ found in section
13 38-204 and sections 3 to 6 of this act apply ~~applies~~.

14 Sec. 3. Perinatal mental health disorder means a mental health
15 condition that occurs during pregnancy or during the postpartum period,
16 including depression, anxiety, or postpartum psychosis.

17 Sec. 4. Post-natal care means an office visit to an advanced
18 practice registered nurse occurring after birth, with reference to the
19 infant or mother.

20 Sec. 5. Prenatal care means an office visit to an advanced practice
21 registered nurse for pregnancy-related care occurring before birth.

22 Sec. 6. Questionnaire means a screening tool administered by an
23 advanced practice registered nurse to detect perinatal mental health
24 disorders, such as the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale, the
25 Postpartum Depression Screening Scale, the Beck Depression Inventory, the
26 Patient Health Questionnaire, or other validated screening methods.

27 Sec. 7. The board may work with accredited hospitals, advanced

1 practice registered nurses, and licensed health care professionals and
2 may create a referral network in Nebraska to develop policies,
3 procedures, information, and educational materials to meet each of the
4 following requirements concerning perinatal mental health disorders:

5 (1) An advanced practice registered nurse providing prenatal care
6 may:

7 (a) Provide education to a pregnant patient and, if possible and
8 with permission, to the patient's family about perinatal mental health
9 disorders in accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations of
10 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; and

11 (b) Invite each pregnant patient to complete a questionnaire in
12 accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations of the American
13 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Screening for perinatal
14 mental health disorders may be repeated when, in the professional
15 judgment of the advanced practice registered nurse, the patient is at
16 increased risk for developing a perinatal mental health disorder;

17 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse providing postnatal care
18 may invite each postpartum patient to complete a questionnaire and if
19 completed, shall review the questionnaire in accordance with the formal
20 opinions and recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and
21 Gynecologists; and

22 (3) An advanced practice registered nurse providing pediatric care
23 to an infant may invite the infant's mother to complete a questionnaire
24 at any well-child checkup occurring during the first year of life at
25 which the mother is present, and if completed, shall review the
26 questionnaire in accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations
27 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, in order to ensure that the health
28 and well-being of the infant are not compromised by an undiagnosed
29 perinatal mental health disorder in the mother.

30 Sec. 8. Section 38-2001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
31 2020, is amended to read:

1 38-2001 Sections 38-2001 to 38-2062 and sections 10 to 15 of this
2 act shall be known and may be cited as the Medicine and Surgery Practice
3 Act.

4 Sec. 9. Section 38-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2020, is amended to read:

6 38-2002 For the purposes of the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act
7 and elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the context
8 otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 38-2003 to 38-2022
9 and sections 10 to 14 of this act apply.

10 Sec. 10. Licensed health care professional means a physician, an
11 osteopathic physician, or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to the
12 Uniform Credentialing Act.

13 Sec. 11. Perinatal mental health disorder means a mental health
14 condition that occurs during pregnancy or during the postpartum period,
15 including depression, anxiety, or postpartum psychosis.

16 Sec. 12. Post-natal care means an office visit to a licensed health
17 care professional occurring after birth, with reference to the infant or
18 mother.

19 Sec. 13. Prenatal care means an office visit to a licensed health
20 care professional for pregnancy-related care occurring before birth.

21 Sec. 14. Questionnaire means a screening tool administered by a
22 licensed health care professional to detect perinatal mental health
23 disorders, such as the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale, the
24 Postpartum Depression Screening Scale, the Beck Depression Inventory, the
25 Patient Health Questionnaire, or other validated screening methods.

26 Sec. 15. The board may work with accredited hospitals and licensed
27 health care professionals and may create a referral network in Nebraska
28 to develop policies, procedures, information, and educational materials
29 to meet each of the following requirements concerning perinatal mental
30 health disorders:

31 (1) A licensed health care professional providing prenatal care may:

1 (a) Provide education to a pregnant patient and, if possible and
2 with permission, to the patient's family about perinatal mental health
3 disorders in accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations of
4 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; and

5 (b) Invite each pregnant patient to complete a questionnaire in
6 accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations of the American
7 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Screening for perinatal
8 mental health disorders may be repeated when, in the professional
9 judgment of the licensed health care professional, the patient is at
10 increased risk for developing a perinatal mental health disorder;

11 (2) A licensed health care professional providing postnatal care may
12 invite each postpartum patient to complete a questionnaire and if
13 completed, shall review the questionnaire in accordance with the formal
14 opinions and recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and
15 Gynecologists; and

16 (3) A licensed health care professional providing pediatric care to
17 an infant may invite the infant's mother to complete a questionnaire at
18 any well-child checkup occurring during the first year of life at which
19 the mother is present, and if completed, shall review the questionnaire
20 in accordance with the formal opinions and recommendations of the
21 American Academy of Pediatrics, in order to ensure that the health and
22 well-being of the infant are not compromised by an undiagnosed perinatal
23 mental health disorder in the mother.

24 Sec. 16. Original sections 38-201 and 38-203, Reissue Revised
25 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2001 and 38-2002, Revised Statutes
26 Cumulative Supplement, 2020, are repealed.