

Authorized Orders for Client Care

The law regulating the practice of nursing provides that licensed nurses accept and execute orders for client care from a physician, dentist, or nurse practitioner.

However, orders from these providers may be transmitted to the nurse through the practitioner's authorized representative, who may not be a licensed health care professional. Such orders that are transmitted to the nurse through the practitioner's authorized representative or agent are to be cosigned by the physician, dentist or nurse practitioner following institutional/agency policies.

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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is authorized by Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 678 to exercise general supervision over the practice of nursing in Oregon to include regulation of nursing licensure, education and practice in order to assure that the citizens of Oregon receive safe and effective care.

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