



The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA) is mandated by government to regulate the profession of Practical Nurses in a manner that serves and protects the public.

Accordingly the College develops specific practice statements relevant to the Practical Nursing profession.

The purpose of a Practice Statement is:

- ❖ To provide LPNs, employers and the public with information and clarity regarding the scope of practice for LPNs.
- ❖ To help eliminate misconceptions regarding the scope of practice for LPNs.
- ❖ To assist employers with utilizing LPNs more effectively in the health care system.

ACCEPTING, TRANSCRIBING & PROCESSING PHYSICIANS' ORDERS

PRACTICE STATEMENT 3

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In a setting where a written medical order is not immediately obtainable, LPNs may take a verbal or telephone order from a physician.

- LPNs will obtain clear and thorough verification of the order.
- LPNs are legally responsible for the appropriate transcribing and processing of the verbal medical order.
- LPNs will ensure that the order is co-signed by the physician within employment policy guidelines.
- LPNs are responsible and accountable to ensure that they are competent, prepared to carry out the procedure and identify when they require further clarification.

LPNs are responsible and accountable to adhere to the LPN Regulation, Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the profession, and to follow the policies of the employment agency.

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