

Scope of Practice: Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwife during an Emergency

Ala. Admin. Code r. 610-X-4-.16(5)

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife can provide emergency treatment without immediate physician collaboration if the treatment is within the nurse's scope of practice. They must make reasonable effort to inform their collaborating physician.

Special Circumstances

(5) In the event of a national emergency duly declared by Federal officials or in the event of a natural, disaster or state of emergency duly proclaimed by the Governor, a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife may provide emergency treatment without immediate physician collaboration to patients within the affected areas of the state, provided that the treatment is within the individual's scope of education, training and approved protocol. The certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife in such circumstance shall make reasonable efforts to inform the collaborating physician of the location and type of emergency services being provided and shall act in conformance with the direction of local physicians. The authority granted under this paragraph shall extend only for the duration of the declared national emergency or state emergency or natural disaster.