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ENROLLED, An Act,

To authorize certified registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives to have signature authority to sign health care forms and documents within the scope of practice of the health care professional.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) When a provision of any law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician the document shall be deemed to authorize a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife for the items listed in this section. The authority in this section for a certified registered nurse practitioner and a certified nurse midwife shall be subject to an active collaboration agreement. This section applies to all of the following:

(1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking tags or placards.

(2) A signature required for any of the following:

a. The following documents that require a complete history and physical examination consistent with the examining provider's scope of practice and certification:

1           1. Physicals for bus drivers in this state using  
2 State of Alabama forms.

3           2. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to  
4 participate in the Special Olympics.

5           3. Employment and pre-employment physicals for  
6 Transportation Security Agency (TSA) employees at an airport  
7 or for governmental employees such as firefighters and law  
8 enforcement officers.

9           4. Adoptive parent applications.

10          5. College or trade school physicals.

11          6. Boy Scout or Girl Scout physicals or physical  
12 required by similar organizations.

13          b. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an  
14 illness.

15          c. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or  
16 school purposes, including, but not limited to, documents  
17 associated with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

18          d. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

19          e. Authorizations for diabetic testing supplies.

20          f. Authorization for diabetic shoes.

21          g. Home health recertification orders after initial  
22 certification.

23          h. Within the state Medicaid system, any and all  
24 forms for the ordering of medications, nutritional  
25 supplements, or infant formulas, or referrals to providers of

1 medical specialties, home health services, and physical or  
2 occupation therapy.

3 i. Death certificates.

4 j. Forms, including physical examination forms,  
5 needed for certifications in residential or inpatient  
6 dwellings within the Department of Mental Health.

7 k. Forms for ambulance transport.

8 l. Forms for donor breast milk.

9 m. Required documentation allowing a diabetic to  
10 renew or obtain a driver's license.

11 (b) Additional forms may be approved by rule under  
12 the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act by the State Board of  
13 Medical Examiners, after consulting with the state  
14 professional society of nurse practitioners, or the state  
15 professional society of nurse midwives, or the state  
16 professional society of physicians, or the Joint Committee of  
17 the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing  
18 for Advanced Practice Nurses as established by Section  
19 34-21-81, Code of Alabama 1975, whichever is appropriate.

20 (c) This section shall not be construed to expand  
21 the scope of practice for any certified registered nurse  
22 practitioner or certified nurse midwife.

23 (d) This section does not expand the scope of a  
24 collaborative physician's responsibility with regard to nurse  
25 practitioners or nurse midwives under the laws of this state.

1                   Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
2 with this act are repealed.

3                   Section 3. This act shall become effective  
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

