

**Alaska Board of Nursing
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	Explanatory statement about Advisory Opinions		An advisory opinion adopted by the Alaska Board of Nursing is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion the Alaska Board of Nursing regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the health and safety of the Alaska healthcare consumer. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure safety of their patient.
Date	Topic	Interested Party	Opinion
June-99	call in refill of prescriptions, deliver to patient	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Certified nurse aides are acting outside their roles and responsibilities by calling in a refill of a prescription order and delivering medications to patients.
September-05	Certified Nurse Aide delegatable duties	Bartlett Memorial Hospital	The following are not to be delegated to UAPs: Insertion of Foley catheters, discontinuing IV locks, discontinuing NG tubes.
December-05	Certified Nurse Aide medication course		approves medication administration course requirements. Courses are submitted to the board for approval.

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April-10	CNAs may not take X-Rays		The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska , has determined it is beyond the scope of practice for an ANP, RN, LPN, or CNA to perform x-rays and radiological procedures involving the use of contrast media, use of fluoroscopic equipment, mammography, tomography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), bone densitometry using ionizing radiation, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, or computed tomography imaging (CT scan).
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