§ 36-9-4. Practice of licensed practical nurse: Registered and Practical Nurses

A licensed practical nurse practices under the supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed physician, or other health care provider authorized by the state. A licensed practical nurse is guided by nursing standards established or recognized by the board and includes:

(1) Collecting data and conducting a focused nursing assessment of the health status of a patient;
(2) Participating with other health care providers in the development and modification of the patient-centered health care plan;
(3) Implementing nursing interventions within a patient-centered health care plan;
(4) Assisting in the evaluation of responses to interventions;
(5) Providing for the maintenance of safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly;
(6) Advocating for the best interest of the patient;
(7) Communicating and collaborating with patients and members of the health care team;
(8) Assisting with health counseling and teaching;
(9) Delegating and assigning nursing interventions to implement the plan of care; and
(10) Other acts that require education and training consistent with professional standards as prescribed by the board, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, and commensurate with the licensed practical nurse's education, demonstrated competence, and experience.