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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2026-15A

Jenny Barnhouse, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 52926
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March 17, 2026

Re: Chad, Case No. 10.2025080026.26

Dear Executive Director Barnhouse:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") intends to take in the above-referenced case. On July 10, 2025, the Applicant submitted to the Board an RN Endorsement Application for U.S. Educated Nurse requesting a Single State License Application to practice registered nursing ("RN Application") and an APRN Endorsement Application to practice as an APRN-CNP in Oklahoma ("APRN Application").

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act ("Act") authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in the rules of the Board,"[1] or "[h]as had disciplinary actions taken against the individual's registered or practical nursing license, advanced unlicensed assistive certification, or any professional or occupational license, registration or certification in this or any state, territory or country." 59 O.S.Supp.2023, § 567.8(B)(7), (B)(10).

On or about July 17, 2025, Applicant entered into an Agreement for Probation with the Nevada Board of Nursing ("NVBON Agreement") regarding allegations that Applicant "unsafely prescribed controlled substances to numerous patients without performing adequate assessments to establish an evidence-based diagnosis for these patient's conditions, did not perform a review of the state Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), provided care to patients in states in which they were not licensed and delegated tasks, functions or responsibilities of licensed persons to unqualified persons." The NVBON Agreement states that Applicant is placed on probation with an Active/Restricted licensure status for a minimum of three (3) years with the numerous terms and conditions.

Based on the Applicant's Active/Restricted licensure status and Agreement for Probation of his Nevada Board of Nursing advanced practice registered nurse license to include specific

[1] Unprofessional conduct means "conduct detrimental to the public interest[.]" OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(3)(H).

direct/indirect supervision requirements, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing proposes to deny both Applicant's RN Application and APRN Application.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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