

Health (Nurse Practitioner Positions) Approval 2010 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2010-11

made under the

Health Regulation 2004 - section 8 (approval of Nurse Practitioner positions)

Health Regulation 2004 – section 11 (scope of practice).

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the Health (Nurse Practitioner Positions) Approval 2010 (No1).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3 Scope of Practice for nurse practitioner positions

Under section 8, approval of nurse practitioner positions, I have approved the establishment of five Nurse Practitioner positions for Revive Clinic, Shop 6, Lower Level, Tuggeranong Hyperdome, Greenway, ACT.

The scope of practice statement for the Nurse Practitioner positions is attached. Whilst these positions are 'new', the clinical practice guidelines and medication formularies have been finalised and approved by the local Clinical Practice Guideline Advisory Committee. These endorsed Clinical Practice Guidelines have been approved and endorsed by the Chief Nurse and Chief Executive ACT Health.

Peggy Brown
A/g Chief Executive
14 January 2010

Revive Clinic Nurse Practitioner – Scope of Practice Statement

The Revive Clinic Nurse Practitioner (NP) is able to provide a complete episode of primary health care to patients over the age of two years presenting to the Revive Clinic. The service provides the full and accurate assessment of each patient's presenting complaint, diagnosis, health care planning, intervention and advice. This includes, when appropriate, the prescribing of medications as approved within the relevant Clinical Practice Guidelines. Additionally, the provision of opportunistic health promotion and education is paramount in this role. The NP role also includes the ongoing support and education of Advanced Practice Nurses and trainee Nurse Practitioners. Revive Clinic is not a provider of emergency care.

In circumstances where a patient who is not attending for primary care reasons (that is, in an acute, life threatening condition) the NP will refer these patients immediately to an emergency department via ambulance, in accordance with the Revive Clinical Practice Guidelines. The NP will have basic life supporting equipment only to support life until emergency services attend.

NPs are legally and professionally accountable for their own practice. The NP will work to complement existing services, and refer patients who fall outside their scope of practice directly to the patient's identified general practitioner, Canberra After Hours Locum Medical Service or a local emergency department as indicated.