



## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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### Delegation of Oxygen Administration by Licensed Nurses

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is authorized by the state of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-1.1, to safeguard life, health and the public welfare; and to protect citizens from unauthorized, unqualified and improper application of nursing practices.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing issues opinions as to what constitutes safe nursing practice. As such, an opinion is not a regulation of the Board and does not have the force and effect of law. An opinion is issued as a guideline to licensees who wish to engage in safe nursing practice, and to facilitate the delivery of safe, effective nursing care to the public.

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#### **Practice Statement**

The South Dakota Board of Nursing determined that a licensed nurse may delegate the administration of oxygen via nasal cannula to a nursing assistant in accordance with the delegation and supervision requirements in [ARSD 20:48:04.01:01](#) and [ARSD 20:48:04.01:02](#).

#### **Applicable South Dakota Laws and Rules:**

[SDCL 36-9-3. Practice of registered nurse](#)

[SDCL 36-9-4. Practice of licensed practical nurse](#)

[ARSD 20:48:04.01:01. General criteria for delegation](#)

[ARSD 20:48:04.01:02. Supervision](#)