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- C. “Extended Mileage Collaboration” means a collaborative relationship wherein patients are treated by a nurse practitioner who is located more than seventy-five (75) miles away from the collaborative physician. Excluded from this definition are all licensed hospitals, state health department facilities, federally qualified community health clinics, and volunteer clinics.
- D. “Primary Office” means the usual practice location of a physician and being the same location reported by that physician to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration as his/her primary practice location.
- E. “Collaborating/Consulting Physician” means a physician who, pursuant to a duly executed protocol, has agreed to collaborate/consult with a nurse practitioner.
- F. “Nurse Practitioner” or “APRN” means any person licensed to practice nursing in the state of Mississippi and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing to practice in an expanded role as a nurse practitioner.
- G. “Federal Facility” means any medical facility that conducts patient care on federal property and is operated directly by the federal government (e.g., the Veteran’s Administration hospitals and clinic system).
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