Section 71-1721, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2005, is amended to read:

71-1721 (1) Until July 1, 2007, an advanced practice registered nurse may provide health care services within specialty areas. An advanced practice registered nurse shall function by establishing collaborative, consultative, and referral networks as appropriate with other health care professionals. Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse shall be referred to an appropriate health care provider. Advanced practice registered nurse practice means health promotion, health supervision, illness prevention and diagnosis, treatment, and management of common health problems and chronic conditions, including:
   (a) Assessing patients, ordering diagnostic tests and therapeutic treatments, synthesizing and analyzing data, and applying advanced nursing principles;
   (b) Dispensing, incident to practice only, sample medications which are provided by the manufacturer and are provided at no charge to the patient; and
   (c) Prescribing therapeutic measures and medications relating to health conditions within the scope of practice. Any limitation on the prescribing authority of the advanced practice registered nurse for controlled substances listed in Schedule II of section 28-405 shall be recorded in the integrated practice agreement established pursuant to section 71-1716.03.

2) On and after July 1, 2007, a nurse practitioner may provide health care services within specialty areas. A nurse practitioner shall function by establishing collaborative, consultative, and referral networks as appropriate with other health care professionals. Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of a nurse practitioner shall be referred to an appropriate health care provider. Nurse practitioner practice means health promotion, health supervision, illness prevention and diagnosis, treatment, and management of common health problems and chronic conditions, including:
   (1) (a) Assessing patients, ordering diagnostic tests and therapeutic treatments, synthesizing and analyzing data, and applying advanced nursing principles;
   (2) (b) Dispensing, incident to practice only, sample medications which are provided by the manufacturer and are provided at no charge to the patient; and
   (3) (c) Prescribing therapeutic measures and medications relating to health conditions within the scope of practice. Any limitation on the prescribing authority of the nurse practitioner for controlled substances listed in Schedule II of section 28-405 shall be recorded in the integrated practice agreement established pursuant to section 71-1716.03, except controlled substances listed in Schedule II of section 28-405 not otherwise provided for in this section, related to health conditions within the scope of practice. A nurse practitioner may prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedule II of section 28-405 used for pain control for a maximum seventy-two-hour supply if any subsequent renewal of such prescription is by a licensed physician.

(3) On and after July 1, 2007, a nurse practitioner who has proof of a current certification from an approved certification program in a psychiatric or mental health specialty may manage the care of patients committed under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act. Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of a nurse practitioner who has proof of a current certification from an approved certification program in a psychiatric or mental health specialty shall be referred to an appropriate health care provider.