LPN intravenous (IV) therapy scope is listed in ARSD 20:48:04:06 and 20:48:04:07 and as individually determined by using the Scope of Practice Decision Making Framework.

IV Therapy Education: LPNs who did not have IV therapy content (theory and skills) in their initial nursing education program, or nurses who need a refresher, should complete additional education before adding IV therapy to their practice. The education should include theory and skills components and be taught and supervised by a RN. After successful completion of additional education and competency validation, the LPN may add IV therapy to their scope of practice in South Dakota.

One option to obtaining the additional education is a course offered by Pedagogy-Infusion: South Dakota LPN IV Education (see website for more information or course fee). The theory portion of the course is online, and the skills portion and competency checklists are to be completed under the supervision of a RN at the practice setting. Completed checklists should be maintained by the LPN and employer; a copy does not need to be provided to the SD Board of Nursing.

- Be advised this course includes content and skills checklists on tasks LPNs are not allowed to perform in South Dakota. The following areas do not apply and should not be taught in skills portion of program: discontinuation of midlines, PICC, and central lines; port-a-cath insertion and removal; administration of infusate via an ambulatory infusion pump; and IV push medication administration.

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