WAC 296-23-241 Advanced registered nurse practitioners. (1) Advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) may independently perform the functions of an attending provider under the Industrial Insurance Act and applicable rules in Title 296 WAC, with the exception of rating permanent impairment. These functions include, but are not limited to:

- Completing and signing the Report of Accident (Workplace Injury, Accident, or Occupational Disease) form or the Provider's Initial Report form, where applicable;
- Certifying time-loss compensation;
- Completing and submitting all required or requested reports;
- Referring workers for consultations;
- Performing consultations;
- Facilitating early return to work offered by and performed for the employer(s) of record;
- Doing all that is possible to expedite the vocational process, including making an estimate of the worker's physical or mental capacities that affect the worker's employability.

(2) Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners can provide psychiatric services as defined in WAC 296-21-270.

(3) ARNPs can state whether a worker has permanent impairment, such as on the department's activity prescription form (APF). ARNPs cannot rate permanent impairment or perform independent medical examinations (IMEs).

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