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## COMPETENCIES AND AUTONOMOUS FUNCTIONS OF NURSES IN PRIMARY CARES

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Reforms of the healthcare system in Bulgaria have led to structural changes and changes in nursing functions. The main activities of nurses in primary care are directed at the care of healthy children of all ages. The professional realization of the nurses has in the medical centers and practices of general practitioners. The aim of this study is to establish competencies and autonomous functions of nurses from different primary care structures. The study was conducted during a postgraduate training course for 65 nurses in 2017. According to the results obtained, it is necessary to create conditions and organization for increasing the professional qualification of nurses from primary care. Significantly greater autonomy is given by nurses who care for children from kindergartens and schools. Significantly more limited are the functions of nurses, which work together with general practitioners. The activities of the nurse in the practice of general practitioners are primarily related to administrative functions and documentation.

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