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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
AND
FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

AGENCY: West Virginia State Board of Examiners for TITLE NUMBER: 10
Licensed Practical Nurses
CITE AUTHORITY W.V. Code 30-7A-1 et seq

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES ___ NO X

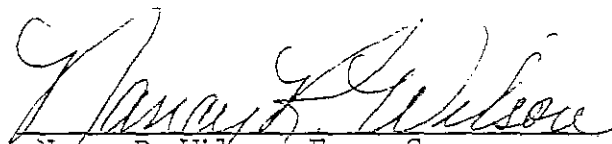
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 6

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Continuing Competence

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.


Nancy R. Wilson, Exec. Sec.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Continuing Competence

Type of Rule: XXX Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency WV State Board of Exam for L.P.N. Address

922 Quarrier Street, Room 506

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

1. Effect of Proposed Rule	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current 1993	Next 1994	Thereafter
Estimated Total Cost	\$ 60,000	\$	\$60,000	65,000	\$ 40,000
Personal Services			42,000	45,000	22,000
Current Expense			12,000	15,000	18,000
Repairs and Alterations					
Equipment			5,000		
Other					

2. Explanation of above estimates:

Costs are estimated based on a need to initially employ a professional nurse staff member during the development and early implementation of continuing competence. Once procedures have been developed the position would be converted to an administrative assistant position. Other costs include furnishing an office, reprogramming of our computer programs to accommodate record keeping, and a general increase in office supplies and forms to implement continuing competence.

3. Objectives of these rules:

Implement continuing competence for renewal of licensure for licensed practical nurses.

Complete projections of revenue and expenditures through FY-2000 is attached.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Projected Revenue and Expenditures With Increases

Fund Balance as of June 30, 1990, per Board records - \$152,333

Fiscal Year	Expenditures Projected	Revenue Projected	Fund Balance Projected
FY 1990-91	\$143,500	\$159,030	\$167,863
FY 1991-92	160,000	161,530	169,393
FY 1992-93	226,580	224,830	167,643
FY 1993-94	\$60,000 for CC 234,909	225,830	158,564
FY 1994-95	\$60,000 for CC 223,654	228,530	163,440
FY 1995-96	\$40,000 for CC 234,836	231,030	159,634
FY 1996-97	246,577	232,530	145,587
FY 1997-98	258,905	234,030	120,712
FY 1998-99	271,850	235,530	84,392
FY 1999-2000	285,442	237,030	35,980

Assumptions: Development costs have been spread over two fiscal years with requirements for Continuing Competence beginning with renewals for 1995, which are processed between March and June 30 1994. FY 1992-93, as well as the first three quarters of FY 1993-94 will be use to provide information to licensees, prepare and install computer programs and develop renewal forms, auditing procedures, etc. Costs for maintaining Continuing Competence requirements will increase by 5% per year after 1994-95. Inflation for all other budgetary items is estimated at the level of 5%. Income is projected based on increase in licensees of less than 100 per year following a loss of approximately 1,500 who are not employed and will not renew due to CC requirements. Level of numbers of examination candidates was projected as remaining constant. As is apparent, an increase in fees would be needed by FY 1998, as the \$84,392 balance by FY 1999 would not sustain board operation through the first three quarters of the next fiscal year until the bulk of the revenue is received.

DATE:

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: Continuing Competence

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation W.V. Code 30-7A-1 et seq

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing:

May 7, 1991

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?

List of those provided with notices of hearing is attached

c. Date of hearing(s): June 19, 1991

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached XXX . No comments received

e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing:
(be exact)

f. Name and phone number(s) of agency person(s) to contact for additional information:

Nancy R. Wilson 348-3572

WEST VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES



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Revisions Made to Continuing Competence Rules
Following Receipt of Comments
Title 10, Series 6

1. Clarified difference in self study and independent study.
Reason: Definitions not clear in original document.
2. Clarified definition of formal offering.
Reason: Unclear in original document.
3. Reduced number of contact hours of clinical and laboratory practice in approved offerings from 150 to 50 minutes.
Reason: Reduction represents compliance with acceptable standards for organizations approving continuing education and standards utilized by surrounding States.
4. Revised statement concerning offerings not acceptable for continuing education. Specifically, revised statement concerning update of policies and procedures to reflect that those not acceptable would be those relating to a specific facility.
Reason: Original document unclear.
5. Added to list of approved providers of continuing education.

TITLE 10
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

SERIES 6 - CONTINUING COMPETENCE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

This is a new series which adds continuing education and minimum practice hours as a prerequisite for renewal of licensure in the State of West Virginia. The rules add twenty-four (24) contact hours of continuing education and four hundred (400) clock hours of practical nursing practice within the two (2) year period immediately preceding request for renewal of the license. The rule provides for exemptions, establishes an audit system, defines providers of continuing education and establishes guidelines for acceptable offerings.

TITLE 10
LEGISLATIVE RULES
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
SERIES 6
CONTINUING COMPETENCE

§10-6-1. General.

- 1.1. Scope. -- These legislative Rules establish requirements for continuing competence to practice practical nursing
- 1.2. Authority. -- WV Code §30-7A-1 et seq.
- 1.3. Filing Date. --
- 1.4. Effective Date. --

§10-6-2. Definition of Terms.

- 2.1. The term "approved provider" means formal and informal offerings approved by a state or national agency, organization or association recognized by the Board.
- 2.2. The term "audit" means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education and practice requirements during a specified time period; or the selection of approved providers for verification of adherence to continuing education approved provider requirements during a specified time period.
- 2.3. The term "continuing education" means planned, organized learning activities acquired following initial licensure and designed to maintain, improve, or expand practical nurses' knowledge and skills or to develop new knowledge and skills relevant to nursing for the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.
- 2.4. The term "practical nursing practice" means performance of nursing acts under the direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or licensed dentist, for which a license to practice is require.
- 2.5. The term "formal offering" means an extension course, independent study, or other course which is offered, for college credit, by a recognized educational institution.
- 2.7. The term "informal offering" means workshop, seminar, institute, conference, lecture, short term course, or organized independent study which is offered for credit in contact hours or continuing education units.
- 2.8. The term "independent study" means a program of learning designed by an approved provider for the nurse who completes the program at the individual's pace, e.g., home study, programmed instruction.

§10-6-3. Continuing competence - a prerequisite for renewal

3.1. Continuing Competence.

3.1.1. Each applicant for renewal of a license, whether the license is currently active, lapsed, or on the nonpracticing list shall verify on the application for renewal that he/she has:

3.1.1.1. Satisfactorily completed 24 contact hours of continuing education during the two (2) year period immediately preceding the request for renewal. Credit shall not be granted for identical continuing education activities submitted during any single continuing education period. Continuing education credits from a previous period shall not be used, nor shall credits be accumulated for use in a future period of time;

Units of measurement used for continuing education courses shall be as follows:

- a. 1 contact hour = 50 minutes of instruction
- b. 1 contact hour = 50 minutes of clinical or laboratory practicum in an informal offering
- c. 1 CEU = 10 contact hours of instruction
- d. 1 academic semester hour = 15 contact hours of instruction
- e. 1 academic quarter hour = 10 contact hours of instruction

3.1.1.2. Engaged in 400 hours of practical nursing practice within the two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the request for renewal.

3.1.1.3. Exceptions to Continuing Competence Requirements.

3.1.1.3.1. A licensee shall be deemed to have complied with the continuing competency requirements for renewal of the first license period following passage of the national licensing examination for practical nurses.

3.1.1.3.2. A licensee shall be deemed to have complied with the continuing education requirements when

that person, at the time of renewal, resides outside of West Virginia and holds a current license to practice in a state other than West Virginia which also has mandatory continuing education. The continuing education credit requirements shall be waived; however, a licensee who claims this exception shall retain evidence of the out-of-state license and verification of employment of at least 400 hours of practical nursing practice within the two (2) year period immediately preceding the date of the request for renewal, to be presented upon request from the board. A licensee who resides out of state for a portion of a renewal period but is residing in West Virginia at the time of renewal, shall comply with continuing competency requirements of West Virginia for the renewal period.

3.1.1.3.3. A licensee who is enrolled, full time, in an educational program leading to an associate degree, diploma, or baccalaureate degree in nursing shall be deemed to have complied with all continuing competence requirements.

3.1.1.3.4. A licensee who is a government employee working as a licensed practical nurse and assigned to duty outside the United States during the entire licensing period, or who is serving on active duty in the military during the entire licensing period shall be deemed to have complied with the all continuing competence requirements during the period of service with the government or on active duty with the military. A licensee who claims this exception shall retain evidence of Government service or active duty to be presented upon request from the board. A person who is a government employee working as a licensed practical nurse outside the United States or who is serving on active duty with the military for a portion of a license period, but is not on active duty at the time of renewal, shall comply with continuing competency requirements of West Virginia for the license period.

3.1.1.3.5. A licensee who has had a physical or mental disability or illness or who has been providing direct care to a member of his/her immediate family during the license period shall be eligible for a waiver. A waiver provides for an extension of time or exemption from some or all of the continuing education requirements. An application for a waiver is available upon request to the board office. The application requires the signature of a physician who can attest to the existence of a disability or illness during the license period. The application for a waiver shall be approved or denied depending on the disability or illness of the licensee. A licensee shall be notified of the decision of the board.

3.1.1.3.6. A licensee, over the age of 65, may apply for waiver of continuing competence requirements under the following conditions;

- a. The licensee notifies the Board that he/she desires to apply for a "retired" license prior to the June 30 expiration of a current license.
- b. The licensee has retired from active practice,
- c. The licensee does not intend to seek employment as a licensed practical nurse for compensation.

A license shall be issued bearing the word "retired" on the face of the license. A "retired" license certificate may be issued annually, providing the licensee pays the annual renewal fee. This license shall **NOT** be valid for practice for compensation. Renewal of a "retired" license shall be accomplished according to the same criteria established for renewal of a nonpracticing license.

3.1.1.4. Failure to meet requirements or exceptions to requirements.

The licensee who fails to meet the requirements or the conditions for exceptions for renewal of a license has the following options:

3.1.1.4.1. The license may be placed on nonpracticing status without penalty and continuing competency requirements shall be waived, providing that the licensee notifies the board in writing of the desire to place the license on nonpracticing status prior to the date of expiration. No fee shall be charged to place the license on nonpracticing status.

3.1.1.4.2. The license of an individual who fails to notify the board in writing prior to the expiration of a current license that he/she wished to be placed on nonpracticing status shall be considered lapsed.

3.1.1.5. Renewal of a license on nonpracticing or lapsed status.

3.1.1.5.1. A licensee who desires to renew a license from nonpracticing status or from lapsed status shall comply with the following requirements.

- a. Make application for renewal of the license from nonpracticing status/lapsed status,
- b. Meet requirements of section 3.1. of these rules regarding continuing competence, and
- c. Pay the fee for renewal of nonpracticing or lapsed license as specified in Series 4 of these rules.

3.1.1.5.2. A licensee who is unable to meet requirements for nonpracticing or lapsed renewal shall request a limited licensure renewal application which provides:

3.1.1.5.2.1. A limited license valid for up to ninety (90) days, during which time the licensee shall:

- (a) engage in a minimum of 200 hours of practical nursing practice under the direct supervision of a qualified supervisor and secure twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education, or:
- (b) satisfactorily complete a refresher course of at least eighty (80) hours of theory and eighty (80) hours of clinical practice recognized by an approved provider and designed for practical nurses returning to practice after a period of absence from the work setting.

Verification that one of the above requirements has been met shall be mandatory for issuance of an unrestricted license. A limited license issued for non compliance with continuing competence requirements is not renewable.

3.1.1.5.2.2. A licensee who is unable to meet requirements provided under provisions for limited licensure, shall be required to pass a national nursing licensure examination which tests competency relevant to beginning practical nursing practice.

3.2. Audit of Licensees.

The board may select any licensees for audit who holds a current license.

3.2.1. Compliance with the audit request shall include submission of legible copies of certificates of attendance, transcripts, special approval of informal offerings from nonapproved providers, and name, telephone number and mailing address of most recent employer. (Job descriptions may be required to verify the position as a nursing position), or compliance with exceptions in rule 3.1.1.3.

3.2.2. Verification shall be submitted within one month after the date of notification of the audit. Extensions of time may be granted on an individual basis.

3.2.3. Licensees are required to keep certificates of attendance, letters verifying special approval for informal offerings from nonapproved providers, transcripts, and documentation of compliance with exceptions for a two (2) year period following submission of continuing education activity to the board for licensure renewal.

3.2.4. The board shall notify the licensee of satisfactory completion of the audit.

3.2.5. If an individual fails to complete an audit that has been requested renewal of the license shall be withheld until such audit is satisfactorily completed.

3.2.6. Falsification of information on an audit shall result in board action as described in nursing board rules Series 2, Section 10.2.11.

3.2.7. Failure to notify the board of a current mailing address will not absolve the licensee from the audit requirements; completion of an audit will be required prior to further license renewal.

§10-6-4. Continuing Education - Providers.

4.1. The Board shall recognize as approved providers, those formal and informal offerings which are currently approved, accredited, provided or offered by a recognized credentialing agency which meet minimum provider standards in Section 4.2 of these rules. Approved providers shall include, but not be limited to:

- American Diabetes Association - State Affiliates
- American Heart Association - State Affiliates
- American Medical Association - State Affiliates
- American Nurses Association
- American Psychological Association - State Affiliates
- American Red Cross - State Affiliates
- Boards of Nursing - United States and Territories
- Commission on Aging
- Licensed Practical Nurses Association of West Virginia
- Medicare and Medicaid Certified Long Term Care Facilities
- National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service
- National Federation of LPN'S
- National League for Nursing - State Affiliates
- North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- West Virginia Council of Home Health Agencies
- West Virginia Department of Education
- West Virginia Department of Health

West Virginia Health Care Association
 West Virginia Hospital Association
 West Virginia Nurses Association
 West Virginia Vocational and Technical Education Centers

Other West Virginia health-related licensing boards

Other national, regional, or state nursing, medical, or allied health organizations

The Board shall accept courses and programs provided by accredited schools, colleges or universities and programs offered by institutions accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization or the American Association of Osteopathic Hospitals.

The Board shall consider written requests to designate other credentialing agencies, organizations and associations as approved providers.

The Board shall maintain a current listing of approved providers and which shall available to the public upon request. Providers who fail to meet the minimum acceptable provider standards shall be notified, in writing, of specific deficiencies and given a time period for correction of identified deficiencies. An approved provider who does not correct deficiencies within the time period may be removed from the list of approved providers.

4.2. Minimum Acceptable Provider Standards:

4.2.1. The duration of the activity is at least one contact hour.

4.2.2. The objectives are written in measurable terms which describe what a licensee can expect to learn.

4.2.3. The program content relates to program objectives.

4.2.4. The instructor's qualifications in the subject, are stated in written form.

4.2.5. The method to be utilized by the learner to determine whether or not learning occurred is in written form. Acceptable methods may include but need not be limited to self-evaluation check lists or tests.

4.2.6. A written statement of participation provided by the instructor or a designee following completion of each acceptable continuing education activity is obtained.

4.2.7. A grade indicating successful completion is obtained.

4.2.8. A record of individuals who attend a continuing education offering is maintained for a period of not less than three years.

4.3. Acceptable Subject Matter.

4.3.1. Continuing education offerings shall reflect the educational needs for the learner in order to meet the health care needs of the consumer and consist of one or more of the following areas:

4.3.1.1. Nursing practice areas and special health care problems;

4.3.1.2. Biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences;

4.3.1.3. Legal aspects of health care;

4.3.1.4. Management of health care personnel and patient care;

4.3.1.5. Teaching/learning process of health care personnel and patients;

4.3.1.6. Subjects relating to nursing practice which are required as part of a formal nursing program and which are more advanced than those completed for original licensure.

4.4. Independent Study.

4.4.1. Independent study activities may include:

4.4.2. Mediated learning - which refers to but is not limited to, educational television, audio cassettes, and printed media, such as programmed learning units;

4.4.3. Self study - which refers to a course or a program designed by the licensee to enhance skills and knowledge of nursing;

4.4.4. Contact hour equivalents for approved independent study shall be based on contact hours approved by

the approved provider.

4.4.5. Contact hour equivalents for self study shall be based on the actual time spend by the licensee.

4.4.5. No more than a total of five (5) contact hours of self study, designed by the licensee, may be credited toward the continuing education requirement for a two (2) year period.

4.5. Subject Areas Not Acceptable for Continuing Education Credit.

4.5.1. Job related clinical practice (400 hours required in two (2) year period for renewal of license, but may not be substituted for the twenty four (24) hours of continuing education credit required);

4.5.2. development and presentation of programs as part of on-going job responsibilities;

4.5.3. orientation and update of policies and procedures specific to the employing facility; and

4.5.4. activities which are part of the usual job responsibility.

MAILING LIST FOR "INTERESTED PERSONS":

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Terry Cannon, Director

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In Re: Proposed Revision of Rules and Regulations

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony adduced in a hearing held before the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses, commencing at 1:00 p.m., on June 19, 1991, in the Board's Conference Room, Embleton Building, Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

PRESENT: PATRICIA RICHARDSON, CHAIRPERSON
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1 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDSON: This is a hearing of
2 the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed
3 Practical Nurses. It will now come to order.

4 I am Patricia Richardson, Chairperson of the
5 Board, and I want to welcome you to the hearing for the
6 purpose of receiving public comments on proposed revisions
7 to the legislative rules of the Board. Revisions are
8 proposed to SERIES 1, Policies and Procedures for
9 Development and Maintenance of Educational Programs in
10 Practical Nursing, SERIES 2, Policies Regulating Licensure
11 of a Licensed Practical Nurse, SERIES 3, Legal Standards of
12 Nursing Practice of a Licensed Practical Nurse, and SERIES
13 4, Fees for Services Rendered by the Board. A new section
14 is proposed, SERIES 6, entitled, Continuing Competence.

15 Prior to receiving comments, I would like to
16 have members of the Board introduce themselves. I have
17 already introduced myself, so we will begin to the left
18 here.

19 MR. HAGER: John Hager.

20 MS. MCCLUNG: Kay McClung.

21 MS. HUFFMAN: Vallie Huffman.

22 MR. TONEY: William Toney.

23 MR. GRAHAM: Dave Graham.

24 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDSON: I would like to
25 proceed by asking for comments provided by one SERIES at a

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1 time. I will ask if anyone has a comment, and if you have a
2 comment, please raise your hand.

3 I will recognize you one at a time. Please
4 state your name, whether your comments are your own or a
5 representative of a group, organization, or association, and
6 the specific section within the SERIES you wish to address
7 so that the record will be clear.

8 If your comments are in writing, it would be
9 helpful for the record to have a copy provided to the court
10 reporter.

11 We will begin with SERIES 1, Policies and
12 Procedures for Development and Maintenance of Educational
13 Programs in Practical Nursing. Changes in this SERIES
14 reflects complete editorial revision, little in the way of
15 substantive changes were made. Two minor revisions include
16 redistribution in the suggested hours of content in four
17 courses, and the change in the immunization requirements for
18 enrolling students. These changes have essentially already
19 been raised through recommendations the Board has made to
20 programs over the past three years.

21 If you have comments on SERIES 1 of the
22 Proposed Rules, please raise your hand.

23 (No Response.)

24 SERIES 2, Policies Regulating Licensure of the
25 Licensed Practical Nurse. Changes reflect complete

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1 editorial revision. Two other revisions were made and
2 include, one, addition of language to accommodate collection
3 of continuing education information at the time of renewal
4 of licensure and/or endorsement. And the second change
5 provides for minimal expansion of grounds for discipline.

6 Added to grounds for discipline were
7 abandoning patients without properly notifying appropriate
8 personnel and ensuring safety of the patients, committing an
9 intentional act which could adversely the physical or
10 psychological welfare of the patient, and knowingly
11 falsifying an application for employment.

12 Under disciplinary actions that the Board may
13 take, a statement has been added that provides for a
14 negotiated settlement of disciplinary charges against the
15 licensee for your consent agreement without hearing in non-
16 contested cases.

17 If you have comments on SERIES 2 of the
18 proposed rules, please raise your hand.

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, SERIES 3, Legal Standards of
21 Nursing Practice for the licensed Practical Nurse. Changes
22 reflect one editorial revision and the addition of a
23 standard for participation in relevant continuing education
24 activities to maintain current knowledge and skills level.

25 If you have comments on SERIES 3 of the

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1 Proposed Rules, please raise your hand.

2 (No response.)

3 Hearing none, SERIES 4, Fees for Services
4 Rendered by the Board. The proposed fee increase is based
5 on the added cost of implementing continuing competence
6 requirements and provides for substantial reprogramming of
7 the computer system to accommodate recordkeeping for
8 continuing education.

9 An additional staff position will be necessary
10 to initially handle publicity of the Rules and develop
11 procedures and reporting forms and conduct licensing audits
12 for compliance with continuing competence requirements.

13 Once implemented, the last fees increase was
14 effective in 1986, the Legislature captured \$75,000 in Board
15 funds in 1990, which had to be transferred to general
16 revenue.

17 If you have comments on SERIES 4 of the
18 Proposed Rules, please raise your hand.

19 (No response.)

20 Hearing none, SERIES 6, Continuing Competence.
21 This is a new SERIES which adds continuing education and
22 minimum practice hours as a pre-requisite for renewal of
23 licensure in the State of West Virginia. The Rules add 24
24 contact hours of continuing education and 400 clock hours of
25 practical nursing practice within the two-year period

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1 immediately preceding request for renewal of a license. The
2 Rule provides for exemptions, establishes an audit system,
3 defines providers of continuing education, and establishes
4 guidelines for acceptable offerings.

5 If you have comments on SERIES 6 of the
6 Proposed Rules, please raise your hand.

7 (No response.)

8 Hearing none, we shall proceed. For the
9 record, written comments have been received from the
10 following individuals and will be attached to the
11 transcript as part of the official record.

12 Carolyn Edwards, R. N., Coordinator, Wood
13 County School of Practical Nursing, dated March 13, 1991,
14 clarification of Hepatitis B immunization requirement and
15 information regarding availability of a refresher course.

16 Two, Twyla Wallace, R.N., President, Concerned
17 Nurses of West Virginia, Inc., dated May 24, 1991,
18 supporting concept against implementation at this time.

19 Three, Jane D. Alderman, R.N., Administrator,
20 HMS Home Health Agency, dated June 11, 1991, support for
21 revisions for continuing competence.

22 Four, Lucille Akers, R.N., Coordinator, and
23 four faculty members, Raleigh County Vocational School of
24 Practical Nursing, dated June 11th, 1991, support for all
25 revisions, expressed concern over cost of Hepatitis B

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1 vaccine immunization requirement.

2 Carolyn S. Crum, Graduate Practical Nurse,
3 dated June 14, 1991, support continuing competence
4 requirements, concerned over increased renewal fee.

5 J. Thomas Jones, Executive Director and CEO,
6 St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia, dated June
7 14, 1991, supported continuing competence requirements and
8 commended the Board for taking a leadership role.

9 Valerie Hopkins, Chairperson for WVNA, West
10 Virginia Nurses Association, Continuing Education Committee,
11 dated June 11, 1991, applauds the Board for taking the
12 positive step in facilitating the continuing development of
13 LPN's.

14 Ed Foss, Executive Vice President, West
15 Virginia Health Care Association, on behalf of the Board of
16 Directors, dated June 18, 1991, strongly endorsed the
17 proposed continuing competence rule.

18 Are there any comments?

19 (No response.)

20 If not, this hearing is concluded.

21 (WHEREUPON, the hearing in the above-
22 styled case was closed)

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF KANAWHA, to-wit:

I, M. K. Comer, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcript of proceedings had and testimony adduced in the above-styled proceeding, commencing at 1:00 p.m., on June 19, 1991, in the Conference Room of the Licensed Practical Nurses, Embleton Building, Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

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March 13, 1991

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Dear Nancy,

I have been reviewing the Proposed Revision of Rules and Regulations. I note (Series 1 4.9.2. Student Health) that immunization for Hepatitis B "shall be required.". If this is approved, I trust the incoming class (1991-92) will be grandfathered. Since the majority of our students receive some type of funding, do you know of any available assistance to help defray the cost? Otherwise, we may lose potential students since the cost of the injections will be prohibitive to many of them.

I also shared the information contained in Series 6 with the newly graduated Part-Time Division. I realize they do have other options but I'm curious as to who will provide the refresher courses (3.1.1.5.2.1) and how the availability of such courses within the ninety day framework would be determined.

Thank you for making this information available for comment.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Wilson:

Regarding the Proposed Revision of Rules and Regulations (Feb. 21, 1991) for Licensed Practical Nurses, Concerned Nurses of West Virginia submits the following comments to be added to those presented at the public hearing June 19, 1991.

While it is one of the purposes of this organization to support and promote continuing educational opportunities for nurses, it is felt that the requirement of 1) 24 contact hours of continuing education, and 2) 400 hours of practical nursing practice within the two years immediately preceding the date of the request for annual renewal of license is excessive in both instances, and will cause an even greater shortage of nurses. In rural areas this requirement would be even more difficult to meet than in urban areas, and the difficulty would increase even more in long-term care facilities where fewer people are on the staff.

In order to attend courses, workshops, etc. awarding continuing education credit, nurses would have to be absent from their places of employment--either causing others to be overloaded in work, or forcing administration to call in and pay replacements (if anyone is available to call); there would be cost of seminar plus travel, food, and sometimes lodging, as well as arrangements to be made for family (sometimes another cost) while away. If the facility provides the learning activities which meet the requirements for awarding CEUs, that involves time in preparation and paperwork for documentation and distribution. All of this adds to the employer's costs and the costs will be passed on to health care consumers. For nurses in some practice areas, there is no one to substitute for them while they are away.

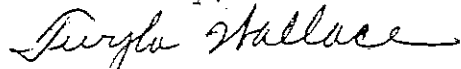
Regarding the requirement for active employment in order to renew licenses, this, too, will result in fewer nurses to care for patients. In many rural areas, small hospitals, and nursing homes rely heavily on nurses who keep active licenses, but whose family situation will not allow them to work on a regular basis. They can, however, fill a vital role on a temporary basis.

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Keeping an active license is always an incentive for nurses to return to active practice later, to fill-in when the need is critical, and also to keep updated and interested. The proposed requirements have deeper implications than they appear on the surface and should not be mandated at this time because they would impose undue stress and hardship on the few nurses we have practicing in West Virginia, as well as on those who employ nurses and struggle to meet the needs of both providers and consumers of health care. While you state the estimated total cost of this Rule change would involve no increase, the added costs, as stated above, would ultimately increase health care costs to the consumer, as well as to the nurses and their employers. That often results in substituting care providers who cost less, and are trained less.

Yours truly,



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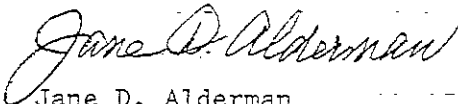
After reviewing the Proposed Rules on Continuing Competence and Fees for Services Rendered by the Board, I want to commend the Board for its initiative in these areas and voice my support for the changes proposed.

Continuing competency requirements will assure citizens of receiving quality services at a time when extremely difficult demands are being placed on all health manpower categories.

It will also stimulate development of continuing competency opportunities for LPN's and increase financial support for maintaining documentation of the proposed system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed regulations.

Sincerely,



Jane D. Alderman
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Dear Ms. Wilson,

We, the faculty of Raleigh County Vocational Technical Center School of Practical Nursing approve the proposed revisions to rules and regulations of West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nursing.

We have perused the notice of proposed changes and identify the following:

- 1) redistribution of suggested hours of content for four courses
- 2) immunization requirements for Hepatitis "B" vaccine
- 3) continuing education requirements
- 4) minimal expansion of grounds for discipline
- 5) negotiated settlement of disciplinary changes
- 6) increased fees for licensure

The only reservation we hold is regarding implementation of Hepatitis "B" vaccine due to the prohibitive cost to our applicants. We ask for discussion and suggestion regarding this.

Regretfully we are unable, because of our schedule, to attend the public hearing on June 19, 1991.

Yours truly,

Lucille Akers

Lucille Akers, RN, Coordinator
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Nancy & The Board:

I'm all for CE's & I feel everyone should continue to learn, as everything to do w/ nursing, medicine, pt. care, etc. is up-dated periodically. Most continuing ed. classes, workshops, etc. cost a lot of money some-times, so I really don't feel it is quite fair to raise the renewal fee, even if continuing education is made mandatory.

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Ms. Nancy R. Wilson
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Dear Ms. Wilson:

It is my understanding that the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses is currently proposing establishing continuing education requirements for licensed practical nurses.

I would like to express my support for this proposal. In this age of rapidly changing medical technology, it is essential that all professionals undertake some continuing education in order to assure quality care. West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses is to be commended for taking a leadership role for your profession in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Jones
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WV State Board of Examiners for L.P.N.
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Dear Board,

As chairperson for the WVNA Continuing Education Committee, I have reviewed the proposed policies relating to continuing competence. I applaud the board for taking this positive step in facilitating the continuing development of the L.P.N.'s within West Virginia. I would, however, offer the following comments for consideration:

1. "Formal" versus "Informal" - The definitions which you have designed for this rule do not clearly reflect the formal or informal nature of the educational experience. Based on the planning required in order to award "approved" contact hours for a seminar or workshop, this is far from an "informal" experience. The unit of measurement used to award 1 contact hour for "informal" offerings does not comply with firmly established guidelines from ANA of 50 minutes of clinical "informal" offering equaling 1 contact hour.
2. Continuing Education "Providers" - There is no requirement in determining who is or is not an "approved" provider in the proposed rules which addresses nursing input in the planning and/or presentation process.
3. Up dates of Policies & Procedures - This area has been excluded from acceptable continuing education credit. Yet, if continuing competency is your goal, how better to achieve this than education on new equipment or changes in procedures or standards. Contact hours may be awarded through ANA for these endeavors if new information is presented and the offering is at least 50 minutes in length.

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If further clarification is needed on these points, please do not hesitate to contact me at 526-2396.

Sincerely,

Valerie Hopkins

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Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Board of Directors of the West Virginia Health Care Association, which represents 115 nursing facilities, hospitals with skilled beds, and personal care homes in West Virginia, has strongly endorsed the proposed "continuing competence" rule (series 6 of Title 10).

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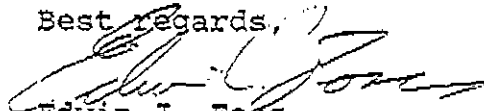
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As major employers of LPN's in the state, we feel strongly that these caregivers are professionals, and as professionals they should strive for high standards of excellence in knowledge and performance. The proposed 24 contact hours per two-year period, along with the requirement for four-hundred clock hours of practical nursing practice for the same two year period, is a common sense approach which our Board enthusiastically supports.

Best regards,



Edwin J. Foss
Executive Vice President, WVHCA

CC: WVHCA Board of Directors

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