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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OR COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED RULE
PUBLIC HEARING

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE

RULE TITLE:

SERIES I: POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN WEST VIRGINIA

SERIES II: CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN WEST VIRGINIA

SERIES III: REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

SERIES IV: LEGAL STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN WEST VIRGINIA

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOVE PROPOSED RULE(S) WILL BE HELD AT 9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 9, 1985 AT SOUTH BRIEFING ROOM, SCIENCE AND CULTURE BUILDING, CAPITOL COMPLEX, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO: ORAL _____ WRITTEN _____ BOTH X

COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO: SUITE 309, EMBLETON BUILDING, 922 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25301

THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT PERSONS WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE HEARING MAKE AN EFFORT TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A REVIEW OF THESE COMMENTS.

THE MATTER TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PROPOSED RULE.

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FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Legal Standards of Nursing Practice for the Registered Professional Nurse in West Virginia

Type of Rule: X Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES Address Suite 309, Embleton Bldg. 922 Warrier Street Charleston, WV 25301

1. Effect of Proposed Rule	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current	Next	Thereafter
Estimated Total Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personal Services	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Current Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Repairs and Alterations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. Explanation of above estimates.

These rules have no cost as they establish legal standards of professional nursing

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3. Objectives of these rules:

1. To improve nursing care to safeguard life and health in the state of West Virginia through setting minimum legal standards of nursing practice.

2. To inform registered professional nurses of the minimal level of acceptable nursing practice.

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

None

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries;
Specific groups of citizens.

None

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

None

Date May 20, 1985

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

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TITLE: Legal Standards Of Nursing Practice For The Registered Professional Nurse In West Virginia

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Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - These Legislative Rules establishes the administrative rules and regulations for registered professional nurses education, licensure and practice in the State of West Virginia.

1.2 Authority - W.Va. Code 30-7-4 (a)(b)

1.3 Filing Date -

1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1992

Section 2. Purpose of Standards

2.1 To establish minimal acceptable levels of safe practice for the registered professional nurse.

2.2 To serve as a guide for the Board to evaluate safe and effective nursing care.

Section 3. Standards Related to the Responsibility of the Registered Professional Nurse to Apply the Nursing Process

3.1 The registered professional nurse shall conduct and document nursing assessments of human responses to actual or potential health problems of individuals and groups by:

3.1.1 Collecting objective and subjective data from observations, examinations, interviews, and written records in an accurate and timely manner. The data includes but is not limited to:

3.1.1.1 Client knowledge and perception about health status;

3.1.1.2 Consideration of client's health goals;

3.1.1.3 Biophysical and emotional status;

3.1.1.4 Growth and development;

3.1.1.5 Cultural, religious and socio-economic background;

3.1.1.6 Ability to perform activities of daily living;

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3.1.1.7 Patterns of coping and interacting;

3.1.1.8 Environmental factors (e.g., physical, social, emotional and ecological);

3.1.1.9 Available and accessible human and material resources;

3.1.1.10 Family health history; and

3.1.1.11 Information collected by other health team members.

3.1.2 Sorting, selecting, reporting and recording the data.

3.1.3 Continuously validating, refining and modifying the data by utilizing all available resources, including interaction with the client, the family, significant others, and health team members.

3.2 The registered professional nurse shall establish and document nursing diagnoses which serve as the basis for the strategy of care.

3.3 The registered professional nurse shall develop and modify the strategy of care based on assessment and nursing diagnosis. This includes:

3.3.1 Identifying priorities in the strategy of care.

3.3.2 Setting realistic and measurable goals to implement the strategy of care.

3.3.3 Prescribing nursing intervention(s) based on the nursing diagnosis.

3.3.4 Identifying measures to maintain comfort, to support human functions and responses, to maintain an environment conducive to well being, and to provide health teaching and counseling.

3.4 The registered professional nurse shall implement the strategy of care by:

3.4.1 Initiating nursing interventions through:

3.4.1.1. Giving direct care.

3.4.1.2 Assisting with care.

3.4.1.3 Delegating care to appropriate person.

3.4.2 Providing an environment conducive to safety and health.

3.4.3 Documenting nursing interventions and responses to care.

3.4.4 Communicating nursing interventions and responses to care to other members of the health team.

3.5 The registered professional nurse shall evaluate the responses of individuals and groups to nursing interventions. Evaluation shall involve the client, family, significant others and health team members.

3.5.1 Evaluation data shall be documented and communicated to appropriate members of the health care team.

3.5.2 Evaluation data shall be used as a basis for reassessing client health status, modifying nursing diagnoses, revising strategies of care, and prescribing changes in nursing interventions.

Section 4. Standards Relating to the Responsibilities of the Registered Professional Nurse as a Member of the Nursing Profession

4.1. The registered professional nurse shall have knowledge of the statutes and regulations governing nursing, and function within the legal boundaries of nursing practice.

4.2. The registered professional nurse shall accept responsibility for individual nursing actions and competence.

4.3 The registered professional nurse shall recognize the need for and seek assistance as necessary when implementing nursing techniques or practices.

4.4 The registered professional nurse shall function as a member of the health team.

4.5 The registered professional nurse shall collaborate with other members of the health team to provide optimum patient care.

4.6 The registered professional nurse shall consult with nurses and other health team members and make referrals as necessary.

4.7 The registered professional nurse shall contribute to the formulation, interpretation, implementation, and evaluations of the objectives and policies related to nursing practice within the employment setting.

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4.8 The registered professional nurse shall participate in the evaluation of nursing practice through peer review.

4.9 The registered professional nurse shall report unsafe nursing practice to the Board and unsafe practice conditions to recommended legal authorities.

4.10 The registered professional nurse shall delegate to another only those nursing measures which that person is prepared or qualified to perform.

4.11 The registered professional nurse shall supervise others to whom nursing interventions are delegated.

4.12 The registered professional nurse shall retain professional accountability for nursing care when delegating nursing interventions.

4.13 The registered professional nurse shall conduct practice without discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, sexual preference, national origin or disability.

4.14 The registered professional nurse shall respect the dignity and rights of clients regardless of social or economic status, personal attributes, or nature of health problems.

4.15 The registered professional nurse shall respect the rights of clients to privacy by protecting confidential information unless obligated by law to disclose the information.

4.16 The registered professional nurse shall respect the property of clients, family, significant others, and the employer.

4.17 The registered professional nurse teaching the practice of nursing shall be qualified to do so through education and experience.

4.18 The registered professional nurse conducting research in nursing practice shall be qualified to do so through education and experience.

4.19 The registered professional nurse assuming a leadership role in nursing shall be qualified to do so through education and experience.

4.20 The registered professional nurse assuming independent practice shall be qualified to do so through education and experience.