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

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED NURSES TITLE NUMBER: 19

CITE AUTHORITY WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 30-7-4 (a)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 7

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED NURSING
PRACTICE

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.

Garnetta Thorne, Esq.

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MEMO TO: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION
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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

FROM: GARNETTE THORNE, R.N. *GT*
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DATE: AUGUST 3, 1990

RE: FILING OF PROPOSED RULE TITLE 19 SERIES 7

THE BOARD ADOPTED PROPOSED RULE AUGUST 1, 1990 AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING JULY 30, 1990. THE BOARD DID NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES. ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS IN THE DOCUMENT STEP PROCEDURE FOR LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING, A COPY OF THE RULE AND FISCAL NOTE IS NOT INCLUDED AS THEY WERE NOT CHANGED FROM THE ORIGINAL FILING.

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The purpose of this rule is to define advanced nursing practice and to provide for announcement of advanced practice by a nurse practitioner.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

Type of Rule: X Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED NURSES

SUITE 309 EMBLETON BUILDING, 922 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON, WV 25301

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

2. Explanation of above estimates:

THE BOARD HAS THE MECHANISM IN PLACE FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS RULE.

3. Objectives of these rules:

TO RECOGNIZE AND IDENTIFY ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES.

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

MAY IMPACT ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH MEDICARE OR MEDICAID PROGRAMS AND PEIA. INSTANCES MAY LOWER COST IF THE SERVICES PROVIDED ARE CURRENTLY BEING REIMBURSED WHEN RENDERED BY ANY OTHER DULY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

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

WOULD IMPACT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AS THE FEE FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING SERVICES WOULD BE PAID AS APPLICABLE BY INSURANCE AGENCIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SENATE BILL NO. 476 PASSED IN 1983.

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

PUBLIC COULD BENEFIT AS THE COST FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING SERVICES COULD BE BILLED THROUGH THIRD PARTY PAY.

Date: JUNE 28, 1990

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Dannette Thome, Rv
Executive Secretary

DATE: AUGUST 3, 1990

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED NURSES

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation WEST VIRGINIA CODE
CHAPTER 30-7-4(a).

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing:
JUNE 29, 1990

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

CAPITOL NEWS SERVICE

HEADS OF GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS IN STATE

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

c. Date of hearing (s): JULY 30, 1990 WRITTEN COMMENTS
WERE ALSO ACCEPTED.

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

Attached x No comments received _____

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

AUGUST 3, 1990

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

GARNETTE THORNE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 348-3728

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

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b. Date of hearing: _____

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached _____

TITLE 19
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

SERIES 7
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED PRACTICE

19-6-1 General

- 1.1 Scope - These rules establish the Announcement of Advanced Practice of the Registered Nurse.
- 1.2 Authority West Virginia Code 30-7-4
- 1.3 Filing Date:
- 1.4 Effective Date:

19-6-2 Definition

2.1 Advanced nursing practice is the practice of nursing at a level which requires substantial theoretical knowledge in a specialized area of nursing practice and proficient clinical utilization of the knowledge in implementing the nursing process. The competencies of specialists include but not limited to the ability to assess, conceptualize, diagnose, analyze, plan, implement, and evaluate complex problems related to health.

19-6-3 Announcement of Advanced Practice

- 3.1 A licensee may announce advanced practice upon meeting the following requirements:
 - 3.1.2 Current licensure as a registered nurse in West Virginia.
 - 3.1.3 Current National Certification in Area as recognized by the Board.
 - 3.1.4 Entry level requirements as of December 31, 1998 shall include:
 - 3.1.4.1 Current license as a registered nurse in this State.
 - 3.1.4.2 Current National Certification as recognized by the Board.
 - 3.1.4.3 Masters degree in nursing
- 3.2 The title to be used shall be the title granted by the National Certifying Body.
- 3.3 This title shall be designated on the license.

19-6-4 Qualifications For Certifying Body to Become Board Approved.

4.1 The Board shall consider the following qualifications in approving a certifying body: Authority for the approval of the course of study, a mechanism for continued competence, examination, membership, qualifications, scope of organization, development of standards, and a scope of practice.

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	WISH TO SPEAK
Brian J. Loshbough RN	1010 12th Ave Apt 1 Huntly WA	Self + Practice Conf. Group	Yes
BARBARA KOSTER	405 34th St. DUNDON, WV	WVNA	Yes
Pat Vandeveldt RN	401 TENTH ST Apt 904 Huntington WV	Self + DD. PRAC NURSES	Yes
Nancy Higgins RN, MS	1448 Satts Circle, Miles WV 25113	Self & Ad Prac Nursing	Yes
Susan J. Bell RN	21 Penn State Health Dept WV	Self + Ad. Reg. Practice	No
Barbara C. Brumoris	2302 Cambridge Cir. S. Charleston WV	Self	Yes
Anne Marie Joz	1428 Swain St. Char	WV Dept of Health, Plans	No
Caroline Harriott	1868 Louisa Sts Rd Ch-tn	Self	Yes
Carol Foyers	P.O. Box 1946 CHAR, WV	WV Nurses Assoc.	No

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held July 30, 1990 at 10:00 AM at the Board Office, Suite 309, Embleton Building, 922 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301 on proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice. Comments may be oral or written. Written comments should be received in the Board office by 4:00 PM on July 30, 1990. Persons wishing to make comments at the hearing please make an effort to bring written comments with you. The issues to be heard shall be limited to the proposed rule.

The purpose of this rule is to define advanced nursing practice and to provide for announcement of advanced practice by a nurse practitioner.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Board office.

Procedure For Public Hearing

I am Garnette Thorne, Executive Secretary of the Board, and on behalf of the West Virginia Board Of Examiners For Registered Professional Nurses I wish to thank you for coming to share your comments at this public hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear your response to the proposed Legislative Rule, Title 19, Series 7, Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice which, if enacted will be the Legislative Rule of the Board that recognizes advanced nursing practice and the qualifications of practitioners.

All of the comments which are made today along with the written comments received will be studied by the Board to determine if changes need to be made.

We will begin hearing the testimony in the order in which you signed in. When called if you do not wish to speak you may decline. You are to speak only to the proposed rule. Limit your talk to five minutes. There will not be an opportunity for discussion. A person may not speak a second time until all persons signing to speak have spoken. When you speak please give your name and whom you are representing. Speak clearly as we are recording all comments. If you have your statement in writing please leave it with me when you have finished your statement.

We are ready to hear the first speaker.

Speaker #1 Brian J. Loshbough

The Advance Nurse Practice Conference Group of the West Virginia Nurses Association heartily endorses the proposed rule Title #19, Series 7 entitled "Announcement of Advance Nursing Practice". The Advanced Nursing Practice Conference Group represents the nationally certified nurses in advanced practice in West Virginia. There are over 80 nurse practitioners and 12 clinical specialists in West Virginia who provide care primarily to the medicaid and indigent of the state, a markedly underserved population. In our rural state, clinicians such as Nurse Practitioners often provide care solely in rural areas where the need for health care services is greatest. This announcement will help the public identify nurses who are appropriately qualified to provide health care services in areas need. A positive statement such as this announcement will also encourage Advance Practical Nurses from other states to relocate and provide services in West Virginia where there is significant support and a positive public image for Advance Practical Nurses. The announcement will also open opportunities for third party re-imbusement for nurses.. Statutory recognition has been necessary in other states to move medicaid and other health insurers to reimburse these cost effective providers. More nurses in advance practice will want to practice in West Virginia when there is adequate financial incentive to do so.

Thank you for your attention. My name is Brian J. Lashbough. I'm representing myself and the Advance Practice Nursing Conference Group of the West Virginia Nurses Association. I'm from Huntington, West Virginia.

Speaker #2 Barbara Koster

My name is Barbara Koster. I am an adult nurse practitioner representing West Virginia Health Right of Free Clinic for the homeless in the Charleston area.

Across rural America the shortage of health care professionals is forcing many rural Americans to forego essential health care services. Recent legislation before Congress recognizes that to effectively address the shortage, the services of nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists need to be better utilized. Better utilization of nurse practitioners would provide essential services to help meet health care needs of those who live in rural areas. It would help to fill the gap in the health care system where it is becoming increasingly difficult for rural communities to attract and retain physicians. Nurses in these areas are an important provider of care to the population who live in rural areas. The nation's rural health care system is unable to provide accessible high quality health care services to rural Americans, and especially in rural West Virginia. There is frequently a shortage in numbers, types, and distribution of quality health providers in rural communities. Rural West Virginia has higher teen pregnancies, higher infant mortality rates, higher incidence of cervical cancer, and a greater prevalence to serious health conditions. Disease prevention, health promotion, and case management programs are hampered in West Virginia by economic barriers as inadequate or unavailable health insurance coverage and transportation. As a result of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, nurse practitioners have increase payment authority under Medicare and Medicaid programs:

1. Medicare payments for nurse practitioner services to residents in nursing homes.
2. Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioners will be able to receive Medicaid reimbursement of their services, and
3. State Medicaid agencies will issue provider numbers to Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioners in order to submit claims for services.

West Virginia nurse practitioners have not been able to be reimbursed from these programs as there has been no prior statutory recognition. It is hoped that this announcement of advanced practice will allow nurse practitioners to actively participate in these programs providing primary health care especially to rural West Virginia where it is needed.

Thank you.

July 30, 1990

Garnette Thorne, RN
Executive Secretary
WV Board of Examiners
Suite 309
Embleton Building
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Charleston, WV 25301

Garnette:

I am writing to express my support of the Announcement of Advanced Practice - the proposed Rule Title Number 19 Series 7. Enclosed is my written statement of support on the proposed rule.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Koster, MSN, RNC
405 24th Street
Dunbar, WV 25064

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I believe all West Virginians have a right to accessible, high quality, comprehensive, coordinated health care. I support the Announcement of Advanced Practice recognizing nurses in advanced practice. There are many more nurses than physicians in West Virginia. Many have the advanced education and experience that would allow them to deliver high quality primary care. Rural West Virginia needs to take full advantage of professionals who can meet the need for primary care services - and meet it more cost-effectively.

Speaker #3 Pat Vandavelde

My name is Pat Vandavelde. I reside in Huntington, West Virginia. I am representing myself and the Advance Nurse Practice Conference Group. I support the proposed Rule #19 Series 7, titled "Announcement of Advance Nursing Practice". I am certified by ANA as a clinical specialist in mental health psychiatry nursing. I have provided health care services to poor consumers in 3 states and overseas locations for over 30 years. I currently provide mental health services to homeless and other medically indigent persons in Cabell county, and oversee case management for Medicaid high risk mothers and infants in 4 counties in West Virginia. My preparation experience skills and expertise make it possible for many citizens of West Virginia to access mental health services who would not otherwise have any access to such services. There are currently only 12 ANA certified clinical nurse specialists in West Virginia. Most are providing care primarily to medically indigent persons. There will be many more such advance practice nurses when West Virginia makes it possible for them to be recognized and eligible for third party re-imbusement. Title 19 Series 7 has that aim. Advance practice nurses, known both as nurse practioners and as clinical nurse specialists provide services comparable to those provided by physicians at lower cost and of high quality. Their work is cost effective in both primary care and specialized health care services. They emphasize preventative health care practices and wellness care. They increase access by medically indigent and underserved persons to both primary care and to specialized health care. This rule will allow more citizens in West Virginia to have the opportunity for care by advance practice nurses.

Speaker #4 Nancy Atkins

My name is Nancy Atkins. I'm an OB/GYN nurse practitioner here in Charleston. I represent myself and the Advance Practice Nursing Conference Group of the West Virginia Nurses Association. I would like to speak in support of the proposed rule "Announcement of Advanced Practice", Title 19 Series 7. The practice of nursing continues to grow in response to the changing needs and demands of society. Many nurses are now expanding the boundaries of their nursing practice. However a great deal of confusion exists as to the role of the nurse in advanced practice. This proposed rule can help clarify that role. As the practice of nursing changes, one must be cognizant that the rules governing the profession must also change. It is time nursing defined the credentials and educational standards necessary to practice in the advanced role. There are those that oppose masters preparation. There are those that oppose national certification. However in order to give a measure for the consumers and other health care providers as well as the nursing community, it's necessary that we outline these minimum standards. In order to command the recognition and compensation nursing deserves, the profession must define and govern nursing practice. This proposed rule would provide the public, the nursing community and other health professionals the definition of advanced nursing practice and the credentials necessary to practice at that level.

July 30, 1990

Public Hearing: WV Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses
Announcement of Advanced Practice

Nancy Atkins, RNC, OB-Gyn Nurse Practitioner

Nancy Atkins, RNC, NP

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This proposed rule would provide the public, the nursing community and other health professionals the definition of advanced nursing practice and the credentials necessary to practice at that level.

Speaker #5 Barbara C Banonis

Distinguished board members and guests, my name is Barbara Banonis and I'm a registered nurse having a masters degree in nursing from West Virginia University and I'm in private practice for 11 years. My comments are directed toward the Title 19 Series 7 Announcement of Rules for Advance Nursing Practice. Since a rationale for the proposal of these rules didn't accompany the document, I can only speculate about the potential advantage of the proposal. My comments predominately focus on the disadvantages and dangers of the proposal for myself as a private practitioner and for the profession of nursing at large. To this end I would like to present 3 major salient points, with examples, and some pertinent comments. Point 1: A Major premise upon which these rules are based is to point 1. Advanced nursing practice is the practice of nursing which requires substantial theoretical knowledge in a specialized area. Premise A: If preparation for professional nursing practice is based upon a standardized accredited academic preparation, then advanced professional practice is based upon an advanced standardized accredited academic preparation. To this premise the rules requiring an MSN is an appropriate designation. The requirement for specialization in specialized certification is not appropriate. The only MSN program in West Virginia today prepares advances nurse clinicians. This is a generalist preparation for advance practice. To require a specialized certification would eliminate these generalists from the advance practice by definition in this proposal. Speculation: (because I don't know exactly what the proposal was about) if the proposed rules are written with the intention of recognizing advance specialty preparation, non MSN, in the interim period before 1998 when the MSN designation is required, then the proposal could handle this under Grandmother/Grandfather and parameters. Point 2: The rules expand the role of the Board of Nurse Examiners. From the present role of public protection to regulating the profession via approval of specialized certifying bodies. Additionally the scope of this regulation is national. Premise A: Turning over regulation of internal professional practice to a legislative body charged with protection of the public is a dangerous precedent. Other professions, including medicine, social work, counseling, etc., are licensed to practice under guidelines to protect the public. These guidelines are general, and cut across all areas of basic practice. The MD can deliver a baby, the OB is a specialist and this is an internally regulated market driven designation. Specialists are trained and/or certified by internal professional bodies. This is part of the ethical area of concern inherent in the profession. Premise B: Requiring specialized certification presupposes that this certification is available for all areas of advance nursing practice. This supposition is not correct, nor is it desirable. In my own area of practice which focuses on employed persons through employer contract services, to access and refer these persons for a full range of personal and family problems. These people predominately enter the system through

identification of psychological, emotional and stress related symptoms. Which current nursing certification would apply? Occupational nursing? Community health nursing? Psych/mental health nursing? and additionally a new designation which my profession deals with in terms of assessment, referral, and treatment options is the addiction nurse specialist. My current certification, as a certified EAP professional, which is what I do, is not a nursing certification. Nursing certification is not available in other advanced areas of practice. It's not available in research; it's not available in education; it's not available in administration. In fact the profession of nursing is in a current state of rapid expansion conceptualizing the rule. It would seem regressive to be restricting advance practice by certification which cannot keep pace with the cutting edge of the profession today since certifying process is very slow. In nursing education, we are already eliminating the designations of OB, Pediatrics, etc. and viewing the nurse educating the nurse in terms of nursing practice as a general designation. Current thinking is to decrease separation and increase consolidation in the nursing role. Even in our testing we have eliminated these designations. In nursing education, we have asked that nurses not limit themselves to teaching, but to incorporate the research role, the teaching role, and clinician role altogether, as one whole. In summary, let us keep pace with nurses in advance practice who are at the cutting edge. Unable to be designated by current or slowly developing certification designations. Let us not, at this time of necessary nurse solidarity in community practice to the public, eliminate large numbers of nurses for whom certification is not available. Let us not legislate professional advances in practice rather generic safety requirements. I am MSIE. A MSN which is a standardized well understood and accepted designation by the public, should be the requirement for advanced practice designation as nursing.

Thank you.



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Distinguished Board members and guests, my name is Barbara Banonis. I am a registered nurse having a Masters Degree in Nursing from West Virginia University and am in private practice as a nurse for 11 years.

The following comments are being made in opposition to the proposed announcement of rules for advanced nursing practice, title 19, series 7.

Since a rationale for the proposal of these rules did not accompany the document, I can only speculate about the potential advantage of the proposal. My comments predominantly focus on the disadvantages and dangers of this proposal for myself as a private practitioner and the profession of nursing at large.

To this end, I would like to present three major salient points with examples and personal commentary.

POINT 1:

A major premise upon which these rules are based is "2.1 Advanced nursing practice is the practice of nursing which requires substantial theoretical knowledge in a specialized area...."

PREMISE A:

If preparation for professional nursing practice is based upon standardized, accredited, academic preparation; then, advanced professional practice must also be based upon advanced standardized accredited academic preparation.

* To this point, the rules requiring an MSN is an appropriate designation for advanced practice. The requirement for specialization and specialized certification is not appropriate, since this approach to the practice of nursing is not promoted at a basic practice level. (see also POINT 2)

* The only MSN program in West Virginia today prepares Advanced Nurse Clinicians. This is a generalist preparation for practice. These proposed rules, as stated, would eliminate all nurses graduating from this accredited advanced program from practicing under the 'Advanced Nursing Practice' definition by virtue of their lack of specialization.

SPECULATION:

If the proposed rules are written with the intention of recognizing advanced specialty preparation (non-MSN, as in the case of certain nurse practitioners) in the interim period before 1998 (as designated by the proposed rules) when the MSN designation becomes required, then, the proposal could handle this under grandfathering/mothering parameters, without requiring generalist advanced practitioners to be specialists. In other words, the advanced specialist preparation could be considered as equivalent to the academic credential until that time.

POINT 2: proposed

The rules expand the role of the Board of Nurse Examiners from the present role of public protection to a role of regulating the profession via control through approval of specialized certifying bodies. Additionally, the scope of this regulation is 'National'.

PREMISE A:

Turning over regulation of internal professional practice to a legislative body charged with protection of the public safety sets a dangerous precedent.

* Other professions, including Medicine, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, etc., are licensed to practice under guidelines to protect the public. These guidelines are general and cut across all areas of practice. For example, an MD can deliver a baby, set a fracture, or treat childhood illnesses. The MD is not required to obtain a specialty in Obstetrics, Orthopedics, or Pediatrics to perform as a physician. If a physician is practicing in a specialized area, the guidelines for this practice are determined by the profession, and monitored through professional specialty boards. This is part of the ethical area of concern inherent in all professions.

PREMISE B:

Requiring specialized certification (as mandated by the proposed rules) presupposes the availability of certification in all areas of advanced nursing practice.

This supposition is not correct, nor is it desirable.

* In my own area of practice, for example, the focus is on employees. A full range of personal and family problems are brought to the practitioner for assessment and referral. Clients predominantly enter the system through self identification of psychological, emotional or stress related symptoms. An additional area of responsibility includes evaluation of addiction problems, level of treatment needed, and follow-up. Which current nursing certification would apply --- Occupational Nurse, Community Health Nurse, Mental Health Nurse, or Addiction Nurse?

The fact is that none of these designations are appropriate. It is for this reason a generalist advanced degree was obtained.

This practice encompasses all of the criteria in the proposed rules ("2.1 substantial theoretical knowledge, ... proficient clinical utilization of the knowledge in implementing ~~implementing~~ the nursing process. The competencies... include but are not limited to the ability to assess, conceptualize, diagnose, analyze, plan, implement, and evaluate complex problems related to health.") except the words 'specialized' or 'specialist'.

* Nursing certification is not currently available for many areas of advanced practice in nursing including and not limited to: Administration, Education, and Research.

* As the profession of nursing is in a current state of rapid, expanding conceptualizing of the nursing role from the previous restrictions of the medical model -- it would seem regressive to be restricting advanced practice by requiring certifications, previously based upon medical model designations.

Establishing new certifications corresponding to new nursing designations is a time consuming professional process which cannot hope to keep pace with the rapidly changing awarenesses in the profession today.

Can we afford to keep nurses in advanced practices which are on the cutting edge of new definitions of the professional role out of the proposed definition of advanced practice in this time, marked by scarcity of nursing resources?

* There is a movement in the profession itself to break from specialized categorical approaches to nursing practice.

Schools of Nursing no longer teach nursing by category, i.e. pediatrics, mental health, obstetrics, etc.

The testing required for entry into professional nursing no longer tests nursing competency by category.

Nursing educators are being encouraged to consolidate the nursing roles of teaching, research and clinical practice.

* Advanced practice must represent an advanced state of the general professional practice criteria. This means advanced academic education in nursing, not specialization in areas formerly designated by the profession of medicine.

POINT 3:

SPECULATION: If these proposed rules are being brought forth for the purpose of establishing the designation of 'nurse practitioner' as the model for advanced nursing practice, then, let us be very careful about excluding all other forms of advanced nursing that do not come under this vaguely defined term. This term does not necessarily include clinical nurse specialists or other advanced practitioners of nursing!

SPECULATION: If these proposed rules are being brought forth with the hope of establishing third party reimbursement for NURSING services rendered, then, let us not be lured into believing that nursing services for which reimbursement is needed should be limited to medical models of service delivery. Clearly defining nursing services for reimbursement purposes is important. Let us join together, all nurses in advanced practice, toward that unified end.

AS A SIDE NOTE:

The process of approving certifying bodies and certifications would add a tremendous additional burden to the already heavy responsibilities of the Board of Nurse Examiners. The process would be time consuming, costly and unnecessary if the more appropriate designation of MSN from an accredited nursing school was the designation for advanced nursing practice.

SUMMARY

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IN SUMMARY:

Let us keep pace with nurses in advanced practice at the cutting edge of the profession, rather than slow the profession down by requiring certifications which either do not exist or would be slow in developing.

Let us not at this time of necessary nursing solidarity and necessary capitalization on scarce nursing resources, *FROM THE DESIGNATION* eliminate large numbers of nurses in advanced practice for whom specialized certification is unavailable or undesirable.

Let us not legislate professional advances in practice. Rather let us ensure public safety through acceptance of a generic standardized designation in keeping with the current professional practice advances in nursing --- MSN.

If the issue is reimbursement, then let us design approaches to address the real issue. Allow all nurses in advanced practice to pull together to address this issue, rather than devising ways which will eliminate those of us in advanced practice who cannot fit the narrow definition proposed in these rules.

Speaker #6 Caroline Charonko

Hello. My name is Caroline Charonka and I am a nurse. I have a masters degree in nursing and a masters degree in counseling. I plan to establish a practice with clients experiencing illnesses, especially clients with cardiac illness. Deaths due to cardiac illness are the leading cause of death in West Virginia. I've been trying to receive permission or authorization to use my nursing expertise to be eligible for re-imburement of my services. This has not happened at this time. I hope this advance practice rule will enable me to use my nursing in a way that attends to the health promotion of the people in West Virginia. Nursing offers much to the public and I hope we can begin to receive recognition for our knowledge and services. Still, I have some concern over the limitation of service to those with ANA certification, or I assume that will be the accreditation that is used to monitor peoples reddiness to advance practice. I don't think there are always people that can be ready for certification which doesn't mean that they aren't ready for advance practice. I also think that advance practice doesn't always measure peoples ability to do advance practice and so I have some concern over how well defined our monitoring of people is going to be. I do want to support recognition of payment for nursing and I hope we can remain open to the many ways to advance knowledge. I think there are a number of ways that we can do that, and I think nursing is a vital part of the health care in West Virginia, so I hope we will, as nurses, support each other, and try to find ways we can advance nursing and that may come in a number of ways. My hope for this is that it will bring nurses together to support nursing and what we offer to the public.

Thank you.

Alvita Nathaniel

7/29/90

Garnette Thorne, Exec. Sec.
Board of Examiners for
Registered Professional Nurses

Dear Garnette,

This is to offer my support for the approval of the proposed Rule Title 19, Series 7, allowing for the announcement of advanced nursing practice. This change will serve to protect the health and safety of the citizens of West Virginia by identifying legitimate advanced practice nurses. It will also serve as a mechanism by which these nurses are statutorily recognized by the state of West Virginia.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Alvita Nathaniel

Alvita Nathaniel, MSN, RN, C

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July 24, 1990

Garnette Thorne, RN
WV Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses
Suite 309 Embleton Bldg.
902 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne,

I am writing in support of the proposed rule Title 19,
Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advance Practice
defining advanced practice by a nurse practitioner.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



Patricia Holmes White

cc: Barb Koster

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July 27, 1990

Board of the West Virginia
Nurses Association
Suite 309
Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Proposed Rule
Title No. 19, Series 7
Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written in support of the Proposed Rule as set forth hereinabove.

We live in a rural part of this state and nurse practitioners are a very important part of our limited health care services.

I believe it is important that nurses in advanced practice be statutorily recognized and that, in particular, nurse practitioners be distinguished from nurses in general.

Additionally, it has come to my attention that federal medicare already recognizes and allows a third-party reimbursement to advanced practitioners; however, inasmuch as West Virginia has not identified its nurse practitioners and other advanced practitioners, it is impossible for these individuals to be compensated by third-party reimbursement.

I strongly support the Rule to Define Advanced Nursing Practice, and I can confidently state that my position is reflected by the views of many of my fellow Hardy County neighbors.

Thank you for allowing me this input and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


Howard E. Krauskopf

HEK:hr

1409 W. Va. Ave.

Dunbar, W. Va. 25064

7-25-90

Garnette Thorne, Executive Sec.

Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 307

Embleton Bldg.

922 Quarrier St

Charleston, W. Va. 25301

Dear Board:

This letter is to express my support of
Title 19- Series 7, Announcement of Advanced
Practice. I feel this is a necessary step in
assuring safe & expert practice of nurses in
advanced practice in this state.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Smith, RN, MSN

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West Virginia Board of Examiners for
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Dear Board of Nursing:

As a health care consumer in West Virginia, I support the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice. I understand that the purpose of this rule is to define advanced nursing practice and to provide for announcement of advanced practice by a nurse practitioner and/or a clinical nurse specialist. I believe this rule addition would be in the best interest of health care consumers.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Merkin, MD
(Signature)
BRUCE J. MERKIN, MD.
(Address)
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BARBOURSVILLE, WV 25504

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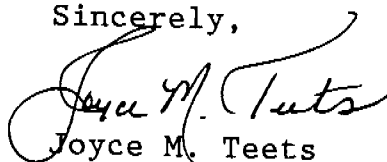
RE: Number 19, Series 7
Announcement of Advanced
Nursing Practice

Dear Sir:

This letter is written with the intent to advise you that we support proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice.

The passage of this rule would be beneficial to Certified Nurse Practitioners throughout the State of West Virginia.

Sincerely,


Joyce M. Teets
Administrator

JMT/pcb
c.c.: file

Medical and Dental Services
E. A. Hawse Retirement Village, Inc.

July 24, 1990

Garnette Thorne R.N.
Executive Secretary
West Virginia Board of Examiners for Professional Nurses
Embleton Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne:

As a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner working in West Virginia and as a member of the Advanced Nursing Practice Conference Group of the West Virginia Nurses Association, I support the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series F, entitled "Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice."

This announcement will help the public to identify nurses who are appropriately qualified through education and certification to provide health care services in an advanced practice. This positive statement and evidence of support will encourage advanced practice nurses to come into our state, thus improving health care services and availability for those in need.

Statutory recognition has been necessary in other states to initiate movement by medicaid and other health insurers to provide reimbursement for services provided by nurses in advanced practice. This fact makes it imperative that West Virginia now take appropriate and supportive action.

I look forward to a positive outcome and thank you for your efforts and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen J. Raby, R.N., C.
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

July 27, 1990

Garnette Thorn, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for
Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 309, Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, W.Va. 25301

Dear Garnette,

I have been practicing as a nurse-practitioner in West Virginia since 1980. I completed my certification in August of 1981. I am currently a nurse-practitioner/clinician and clinic manager at West Virginia Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has been a leader nationally in their support of the nurse practitioner role.

I presently serve as the secretary of the National Association of Nurse-Practitioners in Reproductive Health. This organization strongly supports the role of nurse-practitioner and the avenue of certification to identify advanced knowledge and skills in a specialty area of health care practice. I am in full agreement with this process.

Personally and professionally I strongly support Title 19 - Series 7, Announcement of Advanced Practice. I urge that this rules change be forwarded to the Legislative Rules Committee for introduction to the 1991 Legislative session.

Sincerely,


Karen E. Thomas, RNC

July 24, 1990

Garnette Thorne R.N.
Executive Secretary
West Virginia Board of Examiners for Professional Nurses
Embleton Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne:

I enthusiastically support the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series F, entitled "Announcement of Advanced Practice."

West Virginia must take its place in recognizing nurses in advanced practice, for example, nurse practitioners, just as many other states already have.

This announcement will help identify nurses in West Virginia who are appropriately qualified to provide health services, in the advanced practice role, in areas of need. In our state nurses in advanced practice are often care providers in rural areas and for the medically indigent. Since a large part of our population is in need and cared for by these clinicians, it is imperative that they be recognized appropriately.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Ronald A. Corselem



MONROE HEALTH CENTER

P.O. Box 590
Union, WV 24983-0590

July 27, 1990

Garnette Thorne, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for Registered
Professional Nurses
Suite 309, Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Support for Proposed Rule Title 19 - Series 7

Dear Ms. Thorne:

This letter is to inform you that I support Title
19 - Series 7, Announcement of Advanced Practice.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Mullins
Nancy Mullins, RN, FNP

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July 30, 1990

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Dear Board of Nursing:

I support the proposed Rule Number 19, Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice.

I am certified by ANA as a clinical specialist in mental health-psychiatric nursing. I have provided health care services to poor consumers in three states and in overseas locations for over thirty years. I currently provide mental health services to homeless and other medically indigent persons in Cabell County and oversee case management for Medicaid high-risk mothers and infants in four counties in West Virginia.

My preparation, experience, skills and expertise make it possible for many citizens of West Virginia to access mental health services who would not otherwise have any access to such services.

There are currently only 12 ANA certified clinical nurse specialists in WV. Most are providing care primarily to medically indigent persons. There will be many more such advanced practice nurses when West Virginia makes it possible for them to be recognized and eligible for third party reimbursement.

Advanced Practice Nurses, known both as Nurse Practitioners and as Clinical Nurse Specialists, provide services comparable to those provided by physicians at lower cost and of high quality. Their work is cost effective in both primary care and specialized health care services. They emphasize preventive health practices and wellness care. They increase access by medically indigent and under-served persons to both primary care and specialized health care.

This rule will allow more citizens of West Virginia to have the opportunity for care by Advanced Practice Nurses.

Sincerely,



Patricia Vandevælde, R.N., M.S.N., C.S.

July 26, 1990

Garnette Thorne, MSN, RN
Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for
Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 309
Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne:

I support the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7, Title:
Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice.

Sincerely,

Betty C. Adkins
Rt. 1, Box 510
East Lynn, WV 25512

West Virginia
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Post Office Box 1946

Charleston, WV 25327

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Ms. Garnett Thorne, R.N.
Executive Secretary
WV Board of Examiners
For Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 309 Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Garnett:

On behalf of the West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA) Board of Directors we are writing to support the Advanced Nursing Practice Conference Group's (ANPCG) announcement of advanced practice (see enclosure).

WVNA's Board of Directors have reviewed the announcement and unanimously adopted the announcement during the June 1, 1990 Board meeting.

We wish the ANPCG the best in this endeavor and request your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our central office.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Borgman
Mary Frances Borgman, R.N., Ed.D.
President

Carol S. Fulks
Carol S. Fulks Executive
Director

cc: Brian Loshbough
Chair, ANPCG

Enclosure

Edmund C. Settle, Jr., M.D.

*Diplomate American Board of Psychiatry
and Neurology*

Edmund C. Settle, Jr., M.D.

Ann M. Harms, R.N., M.S.N.

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Suite 2

Charleston, WV 25304

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July 25, 1990

*Garnette Thorne, Executive Director
Board of Examiners for
Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 309
Embleton Building
922 Quarrier St.
Charleston, WV 25301*

Dear Ms. Thorne:

*I am writing to support Title 19- Series 7, Announcement of
Advanced Practice. I believe that Advanced Nurse Practitioners are
well qualified to deliver needed quality service to West Virginia
residents.*

Sincerely,

Ann Harms

Ann Harms R.N., M.S.N.

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I support the proposed Title 19 Legislative Rules Series 7
Announcement of Advanced Practice. I believe it will improve the
availability and quality of health care in West Virginia.

Date 7/24/90

Signature *Mary Beth Casdoff RNC/MSN*

7-24-90

Dear Ms. Thorne;

I would like to offer my support of the proposed Rule Title 19, Series 7, entitled "Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice". Nurse practitioners and Clinical nurse specialists in West Virginia offer a valuable service for medicaid and the indigent population.

Thank you for
your attention

Susan Taber

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July 13, 1990

Ms. Garnette Thorne
Executive Secretary
West Virginia Board of Examiners
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922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne:

The Advanced Nurse Practice Conference Group (ANPCG) of the West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA) heartily supports proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series F, entitled "Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice".

The ANPCG represents the nationally certified nurses in advanced practice in West Virginia. There are over 80 nurse practitioners and 12 clinical nurse specialists in West Virginia who provide care primarily to the medicaid and indigent of the state, a markedly underserved population. In our rural state, clinicians such as nurse practitioners often provide care solely in rural areas, where the need for health care services is greatest.

This announcement will help the public identify nurses who are appropriately qualified to provide health care services in areas of need. A positive statement such as this announcement will also encourage advanced practice nurses from other states to relocate and provide services in West Virginia where there is significant support and a positive public image for advanced practice nurses.

P.O. Box 107
Prociuous, WV 25164
July 30, 1990

Garnette Thorne,
Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for Registered
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Suite 309, Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
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Dear Ms. Thorne:

This is to document my support for Title 19, Series 7, the proposed Rules for Advanced Nursing Practice.

The evolution of these rules and regulations for advanced nurse practitioners within the state of West Virginia has been most interesting. Hopefully, these will enhance the profession of nursing, as well as improve delivery of optimum health care.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen P. Schoonover

Kathleen P. Schoonover, MSN, RNC

KPS/ks

July 19, 1990

Garnette Thorne, RN
WV Board of Examiners for
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Suite 309
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Charleston, WV 25301

I am writing in support of the proposed rule Title 19,
Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Practice defining
advanced nursing practice and to provide the announcement of
advanced practice by a nurse practitioner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Serena Mallory
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Nitro, WV 25143

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E. A. Hawse Health Center

*P. O. Box 97
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Telephone: 304- 897 - 5915*

July 20, 1990

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is written with the intent to express my support for the proposed announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice (Rule Title Number 19, Series F) since I am unable to attend the hearing regarding this on July 30, 1990.

Advanced practice nurses make an important contribution to the health care delivery system in West Virginia. The mechanism needs to be established to recognize and certify this advanced practice in the state. Therefore, I am wholeheartedly in support of the announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice as proposed.



Patricia L. Biller, MS, RN-C, FNP
Clinical Director

July 23, 1990

Dear Mrs. Thorne:

I support the announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice-
Rule Title No. 19, Series 7.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Kimble MD

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Women and
Children's Hospital

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July 25, 1990

West Virginia Board of Nurse Examiners
Suite 309
Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the definition and announcement of advanced practice for R.N.'s. I am in full support of the qualifications and process.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Neely
Administrator
Women's Services

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Dear Board of Nursing:

As a health care consumer in West Virginia, I support the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7, Title: Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice. I understand that the purpose of this rule is to define advanced nursing practice and to provide for announcement of advanced practice by a nurse practitioner and/or a clinical nurse specialist. I believe this rule addition would be in the best interest of health care consumers.

Sincerely,

Joanne K. Jiriden
(Signature)
4456 Woodrums Lane
(Address)
Charleston, WV 25313

SARAH T. FLETCHER, R.N.C.
303 VERNON AVENUE
ELHINS, WEST VIRGINIA 26241

July 24, 1990

Board of Nurse Examiners for Registered Professional Nurse
Suite 309 Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV. 25301

To the Board:

The intent of this letter is to convey my support for the proposed Rule Title Number 19, Series 7 Title: for Advanced Nursing Practice. The action proposed by the Advance Nurse Practitioner Group and the Board of Nursing will be far reaching. West Virginia needs advanced nursing practitioners to enable all her citizens access to quality health care. Regardless of certificate or masters degree, the advanced nurse practitioner can meet the needs of West Virginians from "cradle to grave". Nursing has demonstrated innovative ways to practice nursing and CARING is a main mission of these practitioners. I urge the Board and all concerned to support the rule change and shepherd it through the arduous route of approval by all legal enmities.

Please register my support for the proposed Title change. Third party reimbursement and prescriptive privileges will further enhance our practice and we must work diligently to have these in place to meet the challenges of providing access to health care now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Sarah T. Fletcher, R.N.C.
Family Nurse Practitioner
Youth health Service, Inc.

Dear Ms. Thorne;

I would like to offer my support of the proposed Rule Title 19, Series 7, entitled "Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice". Nurse practitioners and Clinical nurse specialists in West Virginia offer a valuable service for medicaid and the indigent population.

Thank you for
your attention

Jennifer R. Meddick, RN

530 13th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
July 24, 1990

Garnette Thorne, R.N., M.S.N.
West Virginia Board of Examiners
for Registered Professional Nurses
Suite 309
Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Thorne,

This letter is to support the proposed Title 19, Legislative Rules generated by the Board of Examiners. As a nurse practitioner who is certified by the American Nurses' Association, I endorse without hesitation the move by the Board to define the category of Advanced Practice by Registered Nurses.

This move should be seen as a step to protect the welfare of the citizens of West Virginia from those who may not have the expertise provided by the requirements of Title 19. In addition, it will recognize the competencies acquired by nurses who have proceeded beyond their basic nursing education requirements.

If I can be called upon to assist with the process of adopting these rules, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Barbara S. Kiernan, R.N.C., M.S.N., P.N.P.

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Sincerely,

Terri L. Grinn

(Signature)

4 Carey Drive

(Address)

Poca WV 25159

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Sincerely,

Martha E. Meaco, RD, MA
(Signature)

126 Goff Mt. Rd., Apt. 18
(Address)

Cross Lanes, WV 25313

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Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Walker

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Dunbar, WV 25064

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Sincerely,

Janice Kay Bage
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1751-9th AVE.
(Address)

Huntington WV

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Richard K Wilson
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Sincerely,

Carol M. Raymond
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Sincerely,

Janice Roberts Buchanan
(Signature)

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(Address)

Leasage, WV 25537

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Sincerely,

Betty Barrett
(Signature)
408 Eleventh Ave.
(Address)
Huntington, W.V. 25701

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Sincerely,

Cindy Ray
(Signature)
1663 124th Ave
(Address)
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Sincerely,

Karen S. Duncan
(Signature)

1141 S. Jefferson Dr.
(Address)

Huntington, WV 25701

July 1990

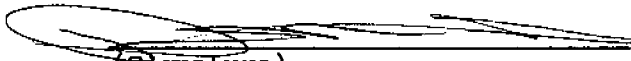
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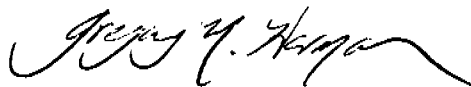
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July 24, 1990

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Joanne A. Harrison

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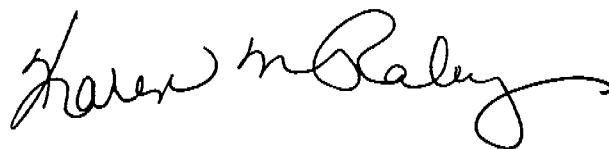
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Margie Raley Stump

July 20, 1990

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WV Board of Examiners for
Registered Nurses
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902 Quarrier St.
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Sincerely, Kenneth W. Edens
1121 UPPER VINE ST.
CHARLESTON, W.VA.
25302

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Janie Truman
94 Poplar Fork Rd.
Scott Depot, WV 25560

I support the proposed Title 19 Legislative Rules Series 7
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Date 7/19/90

Signature *Jinaa Flooper*

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OB Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Signature Mary A. Hutchison, RNC Clinical Mgmt Coordinator, MotherBaby Unit

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Signature

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July 23, 1990

Dear Mrs. Thorne:

I support the announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice-
Rule Title No. 19, Series 7.

Cheryl Slappe
7/25/90

Sincerely,

Gb/b

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Dear Ms. Thorne:

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Sincerely,

Sharon Daerson
3032 Merrill Rd.
Hghtn., WV 25702

April, 26, 1990

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Cox

PO Box 124

Montgomery, WV
25706

July 26, 1990

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Sara E. McHall
3904 16th. St. A1.
Huntington, WV 25701

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Ruby Dean
Rt 2, Box, 2052B
Wayne, WV 25570

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Dear Ms. Thorne:

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clarified,
Sincerely,

Jeanne M. DeWos,
Associate Professor
Marshall University

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Roberta Kinney

Route 5 Box 713

South Point, Ohio 45680

7/26/90

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Jennifer Jones
724 13th ave
Hager, WV
25701

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Dear Ms. Thorne,

I am writing regarding the proposed Announcement of Advanced Nursing Practice. My concern is that currently there are no graduate programs in West Virginia that offer speciality traits in nursing. This is a particular concern for Neonatal Nurse Practitioners who provide essential care for infants in West Virginia.

I do not feel that I can support this proposal until there is provision for speciality traits in graduate programs in the state of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Brenda P. Daugherty

Brenda P. Daugherty, MSN, RNC
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

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RE: Proposed Rule Title 19, Series 7
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Region IV Chapter 6 of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) wishes to support the formal recognition of advance practice nurses in West Virginia. Our concern is that the practice of nurse-midwifery in West Virginia remain as defined and set forth in West Virginia Code of Registered Professional Nurses, Section 30, Article 15.

The code states that an individual may practice nurse-midwifery in West Virginia as defined by the American College of Nurse Midwives. The American College of Nurse Midwives certifies individuals who have successfully completed an accredited educational program in nurse-midwifery and passed the national certification exam. Educational programs can be either certificate or master's level.

The practice of nurse-midwifery in West Virginia is best served by the continued recognition that the American College of Nurse Midwives is the organization most qualified to define the profession of nurse-midwifery.

Respectfully,



Lisa Dalporto, CNM
Chairperson, ACNM
Region IV, Chapter 6
607 Albert Street
Charleston, WV 25302

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Building 3, Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305

Gaston Caperton
Governor

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Garnet Thorn, Executive Director 8-3546
Nurses, Registered Professional,
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Suite 309, Embleton Building
922 Quarrier Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Ms. Thorn:

This letter is in response to a public hearing notice, scheduled for July 30, 1990, 10:00 a.m., at the Board Office concerning the advanced nursing practice and the announcement of advanced practice by a nurse practitioner.

I am very pleased to see and to fully support the establishment of advanced practice for nurse practitioners in the State of West Virginia. As we all know, we are facing an extreme shortage of medical providers and that shortage is felt more severely in the more rural parts of the State. Nurse practitioners have long been part of the health care delivery system in the State of West Virginia and from the perspective of the State Health Department have provided extremely high quality services in connection with a number of State and Federally funded programs administered through the Bureau of Public Health. In particular, nurse practitioners have functioned in a practice mode with the Family Planning Program, the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program for children, and the Pediatric Health Service Program. Nurse practitioners have provided prenatal care, family nurse practitioner services, adult nurse practitioner services, and pediatric nurse practitioner services in our county health departments and primary health care centers funded through the State.

My only reservation regarding the announcement of advanced practice 16-6-3, would be the requirement under the entry level requirements as of December 31, 1998 (3.1.4). The requirement I am concerned about is the masters degree in nursing (3.1.4.3). The requirement (3.1.4.2), for current national certification as recognized by the Board, should be sufficient. I believe the State of West Virginia should hold the same standards as held nationally, but should not require additional requirements beyond what would be required at a national level.

Certainly by 1998, national certification might require a masters degree in nursing. However, if it does not then West Virginia would be limiting our ability to attract nurse practitioners who hold national certification, but who do not hold masters degrees in nursing.

Garnet Thorn, Executive Director
July 26, 1990
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In light of the serious and pervasive problem related to the lack of health professionals within the State of West Virginia, I feel we should do nothing that limits our capability to attract and maintain qualified health professionals within our State. Therefore, I urge you to eliminate the requirement (3.1.4.3) masters degree in nursing from the announcement of advanced practice.

Sincerely,



Nancy J. Tolliver
Director

NTJ/dp