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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES TITLE NUMBER: 19CSR

RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE RULE; CITE AUTHORITY: §30-7-1 et seq.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ 19CSR10

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: July 30, 1993 TIME: 1:00-3:00 PM

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: CONFERENCE ROOM ADJACENT TO OFFICES OF:  
WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES  
101 DEE DRIVE  
CHARLESTON WV 25311-1620

COMMENTS LIMITED TO: ORAL , WRITTEN , BOTH

COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES  
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The Department requests that persons wishing to make comments at the hearing make an effort to submit written comments in order to facilitate the review of these comments.

The issues to be heard shall be limited to the proposed rule.

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

*Janet H. Jurek*

4.00

**APPENDIX B**

**FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES**

Rule Title: STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

Type of Rule: \* Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency WV BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

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**1. Effect of Proposed Rule**

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</u>	\$ N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	N/A				
CURRENT EXPENSE	N/A				
REPAIRS & ALTERNATIONS	N/A				
EQUIPMENT	N/A				
OTHER	N/A				

**2. Explanation of above estimates:**

The proposed rule does not increase or decrease the budget of this agency. It merely provides for more specifically describing standards for professional nursing practice.

**3. Objectives of these rules:**

To more specifically delineate standards of professional nursing practice.

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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.

N/A.

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: JUNE 29, 1993

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

*James P. Marshall*

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

RE: BRIEF SUMMARY

Proposed Rule: §19CSR10

Title: Standards for Professional Nursing Practice

BRIEF SUMMARY

This rule establishes minimum acceptable levels of safe practice for the registered professional nurse, and serves as a guide for the board in evaluating nursing care to determine if it is safe and effective. Furthermore, it delineates those standards related to the registered professional nurse's responsibility as a member of the nursing profession.

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**SERIES 10**

**STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE**

**§19-10-1. General.**

1.1 Scope.- This rule establishes minimum acceptable levels of safe practice for the registered professional nurse, and serves as a guide for the board in evaluating nursing care to determine if it is safe and effective.

1.2 Authority.-W.VA. CODE § 30-7-1 et seq.

1.3 Filing Date.-

1.4 Effective Date.-

**§19-10-2 Standards Related to the Registered Professional Nurse's Responsibility to Implement the Nursing Process.**

2.1 The registered professional nurse shall conduct and document nursing assessments of the health status of individuals and groups by:

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

2.1.1.1 Client knowledge and perception about health status and potential, or maintaining health status;

2.1.1.2 Consideration of client's health goals;

- 2.1.1.3 Biophysical and emotional status;
- 2.1.1.4 Growth and development;
- 2.1.1.5 Cultural, religious and socio-economic background;
- 2.1.1.6 Ability to perform activities of daily living;
- 2.1.1.7 Patterns of coping and interacting;
- 2.1.1.8 Environmental factors (e.g. physical, social, emotional and ecological);
- 2.1.1.9 Available and accessible human and material resources;
- 2.1.1.10 Family health history; and
- 2.1.1.11 Information collected by other health team members.

2.1.2 Sorting, selecting, reporting and recording the data.

2.1.3 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.

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

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

- 2.3.1 Identifying priorities in the strategy of care;
- 2.3.2 Setting realistic and measurable goals to implement the strategy of care;
- 2.3.3 Prescribing nursing intervention(s) based upon the nursing diagnosis;

2.3.4 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.

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

2.4.1 Initiating nursing interventions through:

2.4.1.1 Writing nursing orders.

2.4.1.2 Providing direct care.

2.4.1.3 Assisting with care.

2.4.1.4 Delegating care to an appropriate person.

2.4.2 Providing an environment conducive to safety and health.

2.4.3 Documenting nursing interventions and responses to care.

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

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

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

2.5.2 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.

**§19-10-3 Standards Related to the Registered Professional Nurse's Responsibility as a Member of the Nursing Profession.**

3.1 The registered professional nurse shall have the knowledge of statutes and rules governing nursing and function within the legal boundaries of nursing practice.

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

3.3 The registered professional nurse shall obtain instruction and supervision as necessary when implementing nursing techniques or practices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

3.13 The registered professional nurse shall conduct practice without discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, sexual preference, socio-economic status, national origin, handicap, or disease.

3.14 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.

3.15 The registered professional nurse shall respect the client's right to privacy by protecting confidential information unless obligated by law to disclose the information.

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

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

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

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

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

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