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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 Exam. for Reg. Prof. Nurses TITLE NUMBER: 19

CITE AUTHORITY: §30-1-4 and §30-7-4

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

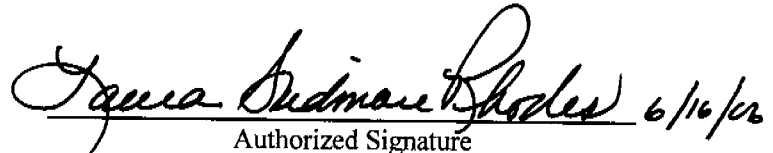
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 11

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Continuing Education

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

  
Authorized Signature

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**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES**  
**101 Dee Drive, Suite 102**  
**Charleston, WV 25311-1620**

June 16, 2006

The Honorable Betty Ireland  
Secretary of State  
Building 1, Suite 157-K  
1900 Kanawha Blvd  
Charleston, WV 25305-0770

RE: Board Approved Proposed Rule WV 19 CSR 11

Dear Secretary Ireland:

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses in session June 14, 2006 approved the proposed rule WV 19 CSR 11 Continuing Education. This letter serves to notify your office of the agency approval and to provide the required brief summary for the proposed changes.

The proposed revisions extend the educational events available to nurses to fulfill the continuing competence requirements, changes the reporting period to one (1) year from two (2) years and changes the number of required hours from thirty (30) every two years to twelve (12) every year. These changes will allow a simpler reporting cycle and provide a wider variety of activities nurses may use as evidence of continued competence.

Should you have any questions or desire more information please contact me.

For the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Skidmore Rhodes".

Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN  
Executive Director

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)*

DATE: June 16, 2006

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No.) West Virginia Board of Exam for Registered Professional Nurses  
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Charleston, WV 25311  
Phone: 304-558-3596 Fax: 304-558-3666

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
WV 19 CSR 11 Continuing Education

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation §30-7-4 and §30-1-4

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:  
March 28, 2006

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?  
The Notice of Public Comment Period was placed on the Board's web site, sent by e-mail to hospitals and schools of nursing, sent in the newsletter to over 22,000 registered professional nurses licensed to practice in West Virginia.

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) *or* Public Comment Period ended:  
Public Comment Period ended June 13, 2006

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)

Filed with Secretary of State June 16, 2006

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- f. **Name, title, address and phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

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- g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give **Name, title, address and phone number(s)** of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

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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 or comment period:

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

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d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached \_\_\_\_\_

*Laura Sudmore Rhodes*  
*Executive Director 6/14/06*

APPENDIX B

**FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES**

Rule Title: WV 19 CSR 11 Continuing Education

Type of Rule:  Legislative  Interpretive  Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

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**Fiscal Note Summary**

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

The changes to Series 1 are budget neutral for the state and the Board. The changes include broadening the activities eligible for continuing competence credit, changing the reporting period from two (2) years to one (1), and changing the required hours from thirty (30) every two years to twelve (12) every year.

**Fiscal Note Detail**

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
<b>1. Estimated Total Cost</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Alterations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2. Estimated Total Revenues</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

Rule Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Title: WV 19 CSR 11 Continuing Education

**3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):**

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No effect on the current budget.

**MEMORANDUM**

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

The rule revision will not have a fiscal impact as the Board currently regulates continuing education of registered nurses. The rule revisions are budget neutral.

Date: 6/16/2006

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

*Jana Dickson Rhodes 6/16/06*

TITLE 19  
LEGISLATIVE RULES  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

SERIES 11  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPETENCE

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**§19-11-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule establishes requirements for continuing education for re-licensure of registered professional nurses.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code '30-7-4 and §30-1-4.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

**§19-11-2. Definition of Terms.**

2.1. "Approved provider" means an individual, local, state, or national agency, organization or association recognized by the board to provide continuing education.

2.2. "Audit" means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education 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. "Continuing education" means those learning activities intended to build upon the educational and experiential basis of the registered professional nurse for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research, or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.

2.4. "College credit courses" means those courses offered by a recognized educational institution, and which may be approved as continuing education.

2.5. "Independent study" means a program of learning designed by an approved provider for the registered professional nurse who completes the program at his or her own pace, e.g., home study, programmed instruction.

2.6. "Self-study" means a program of learning designed by the licensee to enhance his or her knowledge and skill and which is not offered by an approved provider.

**§19-11-3. Continuing Education.**

3.1. Continuing education requirements for re-licensure.

3.1.1. Beginning January 1, 2008, each registered professional nurse with an active license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia shall complete ~~thirty (30)~~ twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education, as approved by this rule, every ~~two calendar years~~ twelve (12) month renewal period. On or before October 31, 2008 and every other ~~October~~ December 31 thereafter, each registered professional nurse shall file a report of his or her continuing education activities with the board at the time he or she files an application for renewal of his or her license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia.



3.1.2. Each applicant for renewal of a license, if the license is currently active, or reinstatement of a license if a license is lapsed or on the non-practicing list, shall verify that he or she has satisfactorily completed ~~thirty (30)~~ twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education during the ~~two (2)~~ year reporting period prescribed in subsection 3.1.1 of this rule.

Units of measurement used for continuing education courses are as follows:

a. A contact hour is a unit of measurement that describes at least 50 minutes of an approved, organized learning experience, either didactic or clinical experience;

b. One (1) successfully completed academic semester hour = fifteen (15) contact hours of instruction; and

c. One (1) successfully completed academic quarter hour = ten (10) contact hours of instruction.

3.1.3. The board shall not grant credit for identical continuing education activities submitted during any ~~two (2) year~~ any report period. Continuing education contact hours from a previous ~~two (2) year~~ reporting period may not be used, nor shall contact hours be accumulated for use in a future ~~two (2) year~~ reporting period.

### 3.2. Exceptions to continuing education requirements.

The board shall exempt from the continuing education requirements a licensee who qualifies for exceptions set forth in this rule.

3.2.1. ~~A licensee who obtains a license for the first time in West Virginia during the first twelve months of any twenty-four month reporting period shall complete twelve (12) contact hours in approved continuing education activities, as set forth in this rule, before the end of that reporting period. A licensee who obtains a license for the first time in West Virginia during the second twelve (12) months of any twenty-four (24) month reporting period is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the entire reporting period.~~

3.2.2. ~~A licensee who is a government employee working as a registered professional nurse outside the United States or who is serving on active duty with the military for more than three (3) months, but less than twelve (12) months of any twenty-four (24) month reporting period is required to complete twelve (12) contact hours of approved continuing education activities as set forth in this rule, before the end of that reporting period.~~—A licensee who is a government employee working as a registered professional nurse outside the United States or who is serving on active duty with the military for more than three (3) ~~twelve (12)~~ months of any ~~twenty-four (24) month~~ reporting period is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the entire reporting period. A licensee who claims this exception shall retain evidence of government service or active duty with the military and shall present the evidence to the board upon request.

3.2.3. The board may grant a waiver to a licensee who has a physical or mental disability or illness or hardship during all or a portion of the ~~two (2) year~~ reporting period. A waiver provides for an extension of time or exception from some or all of the continuing education requirements. Any licensee may request an application for a waiver from the board. The board shall approve or deny an application for waiver after review of the application. The board shall not grant an exception from continuing education requirements for more than one (1) ~~two (2) year~~ reporting period, as set forth in this rule.

3.3. Failure to meet requirements or exceptions to requirements. The board may take the following actions if a licensee fails to meet the continuing education requirements or the conditions for exceptions for continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure required by this rule.

3.3.1. The board may place the licensee on inactive status without penalty and may waive the continuing education requirements, providing the licensee notifies the board in writing of his or her desire to have the board place his or her license on inactive status before the last (business) day of the reporting period. This written notification must be submitted with the completed renewal application indicating the

desire to place the license on inactive status. The board shall not charge a fee to place the license on inactive status.

3.3.2. The board shall lapse the license of any person who fails to notify the board, in writing, prior to the last (business) day of the reporting period that he or she wishes to place his or her license on the inactive status.

3.4. Reinstatement of a license from inactive or lapsed status. A person wishing to reinstate a license from an inactive status or from lapsed status shall comply with the following requirements. The person shall:

3.4.1. Make application for reinstatement of the license from an inactive status or lapsed status;

3.4.2. Meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in this rule;

3.4.3. Pay the fee for reinstatement of lapsed license as specified in West Virginia Code 30-7-8 of fifty dollars (\$50.00); and

3.4.4. Submit legible copies of certificates of attendance at continuing education programs, transcripts of courses taken, notices received from the board granting special approval of informal offerings from non-approved providers, and other information as requested by the board.

3.5. Audit of licensees. The board may select any licensee who holds a current license to audit for compliance with continuing competence requirements.

3.5.1. To comply with the audit request from the board, a licensee shall submit legible copies of certificates of attendance at continuing education programs, transcripts of courses taken, notices received from the board granting special approval of informal offerings from non-approved providers, and other information as requested by the board.

3.5.2. The licensee shall submit the required documents within thirty (30) days of the date he or she receives notification of the audit. The board may grant an extension of time for submission of the documents, on an individual basis, and in cases of hardship, providing the licensee makes a written request for an extension of time and provides justification for the request.

3.5.3. Licensees are required to keep certificates of attendance at continuing education programs, letters verifying special approval from informal offerings from non-approved providers, transcripts of courses, documentation of other activities permitted by the Board, or are required to keep evidence or documentation of compliance with the exceptions to continuing education requirements as stated in subsection 3.2. of this rule for a two (2) year period following submission of continuing education activities to the board.

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

3.5.5. If a person fails to submit the audit information requested by the board or meet standards in subdivision 3.1.1. or 3.1.3. of this rule, the board shall not renew a license before the audit is completed.

3.5.6. The board shall take action as prescribed in 19CSR9, Disciplinary Action, against any licensee who submits false information to the board.

3.2.7. A licensee who fails to notify the board of a current mailing address is not absolved from the audit requirements. The board shall not renew a license before the audit is completed.

#### **§19-11-4. Continuing Education Providers.**

4.1. The board may recognize as approved providers an agency which meets minimum provider standards as outlined in subsections 4.2. and 4.5. of this rule.

4.1.1. The board shall consider written requests to designate other individuals, local, state or national agencies, organizations and associates as approved providers.

4.1.2. The board shall maintain a current list of approved providers which shall be available to the public upon request. The board shall notify providers who fail to meet the minimum acceptable provider standards, in writing, of specific deficiencies and give them a limited period of time to correct deficiencies. The board may remove an approved provider who does not correct deficiencies within the specified time period from the list of approved providers.

4.1.3. The board recognizes the West Virginia nurses association or any other provider accredited by the American nurses credentialing center as an approved provider of continuing education programs for purposes of meeting the requirements of this rule.

4.2. Minimum standards for approved providers.

4.2.1. The duration of the activity shall be at least one (1) contact hour.

4.2.2. The provider shall prepare written objectives, in measurable terms, which describe what a licensee can expect to learn.

4.2.3. The program content shall relate to the program objectives.

4.2.4. The provider shall furnish to the participant the instructor's qualifications in the subject areas to be taught, in writing.

4.2.5. The provider shall establish a written method to determine whether the participant has achieved the stated objectives of the offering continuing education program. Methods may include but are not limited to self-evaluation check lists or tests.

4.2.6. The provider shall furnish a written statement of completion to each participant who completes each continuing education program. The statement shall be signed by the instructor or an individual designated by the instructor, and shall contain the following information: the name of the continuing education program, the number of contact hours, the date of the continuing education program, and the name of the participant.

4.2.7. The provider shall maintain a record of individuals who attend a continuing education program for a period of not less than three (3) years.

4.3. Independent study.

4.3.1. Independent study activities may include any learning activity as defined in subsection 2.6. of this rule that has been designed or planned as an individual study activity. This may include educational television, video or audio cassettes, and professional journal articles developed as continuing education programs and printed media units. These independent study activities are designed as

programmed learning units meaning that there are educational objectives related to the content, and a mechanism to evaluate what has been learned.

4.3.2. Contact hour equivalents for approved independent study shall be based on contact hours awarded by the approved provider.

~~4.4. Self study:~~

~~4.4.1. Self study may include activities which the licensee determines will enhance skills and knowledge of nursing, such as reading professional journals, watching educational television and listening to audio cassettes that are not designed as programmed learning units, and are not approved by an approved provider.~~

~~4.4.2. The board shall base contact hour equivalents for self study on the actual time spent by the licensee on the self study activity.~~

~~4.4.3. The board will permit credit of a total of five (5) contact hours of self study toward the continuing education requirement for any two (2) year reporting period.~~

4.5. Continuing education subjects.

4.5.1. Continuing education programs shall reflect the educational needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the consumer and may consist of one or more of the following subject areas:

- a. Professional nursing practice and special health care problems;
- b. The biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences;
- c. The legal aspects of professional nursing practice;
- d. Management of health care personnel and patient care;
- e. Teaching and learning process for health care personnel or for patients; and
- f. Subjects relating to professional nursing practice which are required as part of a formal nursing program and which are more advanced than those completed for original licensure.

~~4.5.2. The following activities are not acceptable for continuing education credit:~~

- ~~a. Job related clinical practice;~~
- ~~b. Development and presentation of programs as part of the licensee's on-going job responsibilities;~~
- ~~c. Orientation and update of policies and procedures specific to the licensee's employing facility; and~~
- ~~d. Activities which are part of a licensee's usual job responsibility.~~

3.6. The licensee must have documentation that supports completion of twelve (12) continuing education credits from an approved source. The licensee may accomplish this by:

4.6.1.a. completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education credits from an approved provider as defined in subsection 2.6. of this rule including Independent Study; or

4.6.1.b. Completion of a combination of the following:

4.6.1.b.1. Six (6) hours of continuing education credits from an approved provider as defined in sub-section 2.6. of this rule including Independent Study and Self study which may include activities which the licensee determines will enhance skills and knowledge of nursing, such as reading professional journals, watching educational television and listening to audio cassettes that are not designed as programmed learning units, and are not approved by an approved provider. The board shall base contact hour equivalents for self study on the actual time spent by the licensee on the self study activity. The board will permit credit of a total of two (2) contact hours of self study toward the continuing education requirement for any reporting period; and,

4.6.1.b.1.A. national certification or re-certification related to the nurse's practice role in effect during the entire reporting period or initially earned during the reporting period;

4.6.1.b.1.B.completion of a nursing research project as principal investigator, co-investigator or project director during the reporting period. Research must qualitative or quantitative in nature, utilize research methodologies, and include a summary of findings;

4.6.1.b.1.C. publication of a nursing related article in a national nursing or healthcare related journal published during the reporting period;

4.6.1.b.1.D. professional nursing education presentation developed by the presenter, presented to nurses or other health professionals as evidenced by the program brochure, course syllabi, or a letter from the provider identifying the licensee's participation as a presenter of the offering during the reporting period;

4.6.1.b.1.E. participation as a clinical preceptor for at least one (1) nursing student or one (1) new employee undergoing orientation. The licensee must have one hundred twenty (120) hours of one on one relationship as a clinical preceptor as evidenced by written documentation from the educational institution or the clinical preceptor's supervisor;

4.6.1.b.1.F. an employer evaluation that is satisfactory for continued employment and covers at least six (6) months of the reporting period and is signed by the licensee's supervisor; or

4.6.1.b.1.G. completion of a nursing refresher course or nursing re-entry course approved by this board or any other board in the United States or its Territories.

## Series 11 Comments and Responses

**laurarhodes**

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**From:** "laurarhodes" <lrhodes@state.wv.us>  
**To:** "Duane Napier" <napier@hepc.wvnet.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2006 1:35 PM  
**Subject:** Re: continuing competence

Dear Mr. Napier:

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses in session June 14, 2006 reviewed your comments related to WV 19 CSR 11. The Board appreciates your support and wishes to thank you for taking time to review and comment on the rule.

For the Board,

Laura Rhodes  
Executive Director

----- Original Message -----

**From:** RNBoard  
**To:** [laura rhodeswork](mailto:laura.rhodes@wvnet.edu)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** FW: continuing competence

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Duane Napier [<mailto:napier@hepc.wvnet.edu>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** [rnboard@state.wv.us](mailto:rnboard@state.wv.us)  
**Subject:** continuing competence

I think the proposed changes are fair and easily understood.

Duane

*Duane F. Napier, MSN, RN, BC*

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# Overview Rule Changes

title 19 Series 3

- #1. I don't have an issue with this one.
- #2. I don't have an issue with this either.
- #3. I have a problem with this section.

Why is it so important to change our expiration date? Dec 31 has been good date for many, many years. All of us RN's are accustomed to this date and I don't see the need in changing it. It will make us paid more for our license that year. A lot of RN will be late in renewing their license. All health business are set for the RN renewal to be Dec 31. Changing it will cause the business a headache.

#4 Is ok.

#5. I feel all people need a criminal background check. As a nurse, we deal with a lot of personal items belonging to a patient. When working in or with a business, we deal with important items, ex. money, medicine, & financial papers a criminal should not have access to!!

#6 not a problem.

#7. not a problem I don't guess. I am not for.

#8. Yes, there is an issue. What if a nurse is old enough to retire & financially secure to retire. After obtaining a retired status, need to return or wants to return, called get reend stated, get a license works for awhile then has to retire



Again for some reason. She don't want to lose her license if she don't renew them but she can't get a retired status. That is not right. Can she be put their license on hold?

What will happen to those that hold 2 kinds of license but one is on hold. I pray that won't change!!

# 9. Big issue - Big Issue

Professional misconduct

A. Violated the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning a patient.

In many peoples opinion anytime we mention a patient to any one at place of employment or to another facility in which is performing a test or where patient will be transfer, some one could say we are violated confidentiality. - Ex what if we are transferring Patient A to another hospital. - for all information to that hospital, talk with doctor accepting patient, speak with the nurse about patient condition, get ambulance give them information - ready to send patient A. She or he decides not to be transfer and they states violated confidentiality - out for professional misconduct. A family could bring big law - suit. This is just one example.

Power of attorney for family could try to bring suit for just discussing patients condition or financial situation with in medical institution.

I sure don't agree with this addition

#9 B. No one in health field should document anything that isn't correct or that they have not assessed & agree. Record all information you have assessed correctly and there shouldn't be a problem. No falsified patient records as intentional or unintentional should occur. To chart incorrectly is not right. Fail to chart something can't always be held against a nurse. Sometimes patients don't tell a nurse everything, shows use areas on their body that can cause problems later, has pain somewhere but don't tell us and some patients brought to hospital via EMS, friend or relatives are not sure about their medicines and treatments. Some haven't been to their own MD for long time and are taking medicine they shouldn't take and swear their MD ordered that medicine. What happens when patients goes to many physician & different drug stores for medicine. What happen if they don't tell us about over the counter meds, they are taking. A nurse don't know everything. I just don't agree with this section,!!

title 19 Series 11 - Continue Ed.

- #1 No problem
- 3+ #2. Leave it every 2 yrs. Change to every year is more work for your office. Sometimes it is hard to find 12 credits that is of interest to the nurse in her field of practice. Consider dropping require<sup>ment</sup> 24 yr a year instead of 30. If 12 is good for 1 yr then 24 should be good for 2 yr - With all meeting hospitals have that we have

to attend, 24 credits should be enough. When we work the hours we work & when those hours start sometimes it is difficult to search for CEUs.

#4 Provide us a list of additional activities to be considered for CEU before accepting them. Some of us work in rural areas and may not have access to a lot of these activities.

I know it is long but it is the way I feel about these section changes.

Thanks for your time in reading my comments

Jwila J Daniels R  
May 19, 2006

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RE: WV 19 CSR 11 Continuing Education

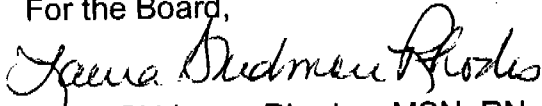
Dear Ms. Daniels:

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses in session June 14, 2006 reviewed your comments related to WV 19 CSR 11 and wants to take this opportunity to respond to them.

You indicated a concern about the reporting period being changed from every two (2) years to every year. Changing the cycle from two (2) years to every year will help eliminate misunderstandings about when the credits are due. With a yearly requirement nurses will know that reporting is each year. You requested the Board provide a list of activities that may be used as credit for continued competence. A list is provided in the proposed rule.

Thank you for taking time to review the rule and comment.

For the Board,

  
Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN  
Executive Director