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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
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Mac Warner, The Honorable Secretary of State,
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SECRETARY OF STATE

RE: West Virginia Code of State Rules
Administrative Notice of Suspension of 19 CSR 1-8

The Honorable Governor of the State of West Virginia, Jim Justice, declared a State of Emergency on March 16, 2020, to address the emergency created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, or more commonly known as the novel coronavirus. With surrounding states having confirmed COVID-19 cases and now West Virginia having multiple confirmed case, the Governor, in accordance with emergency powers granted to the Governor pursuant to W. Va. Code S 15-5-6, and more specifically W. Va. Code S 15-5-6(c)(7) and as stated in the Governor's Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency issued on March 16, 2020, the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) at the direction of the Governor seeks to temporarily suspend the requirements of certain rules as set forth below.

§19-1-8. Curriculum.

8.3. Simulation. A prelicensure nursing education program ("program") may use simulation as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences, ~~not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of its clinical hours.~~ A program that uses simulation shall adhere to the standards set in this section. Clinical requirements can be met utilizing any available mechanism including, simulation, telecommunications or by any other acceptable form as determined by the school. Board approved schools shall file a report with the Board at least thirty days prior to its October Board meeting outlining how the clinical requirements were met during the declared state of emergency.

Suspension of the above rules shall take effect immediately and shall cease upon the filing of a Notice lifting the suspension or upon the termination of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Painter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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