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RE: West Virginia Code of State Rules
Administrative Notice of Suspension of 19 CSR 13-6.1.f.

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 §15-5-6, and more specifically W. Va. Code §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.

§19-13-6. Minimum Standards of a Dialysis Technician Training Programs.

6.1.f. The curriculum offered by the training program shall include both classroom and clinical instruction of at least three hundred twenty (320) clock hours in length and content which ensures sufficient preparation for safe and effective practice as a dialysis technician. Of the three hundred twenty (320) clock hours, at least one hundred sixty (160) clock hours shall be theoretical instruction with at least one hundred (100) hours face to face instruction in a classroom setting and a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) hours of supervised clinical experience. Supervised clinical experience shall provide opportunities for the student to apply theory and to achieve stated objectives in a patient care setting and shall include clinical learning experiences to develop the skills required by dialysis technicians to provide safe patient care. The registered professional nurse educator or clinical preceptor shall be physically present and accessible to the student when the student is in

the patient care area. Board approved programs 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".

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