



# Oregon

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## **RE: Transition to Oregon Health Licensing Agency**

Dear Licensees and Stakeholders:

As most of you are aware, the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA) has experienced a decrease in funding due to a limited and decreasing license base. This coupled with increasing operation costs, the Board began to explore how best to continue its work into future biennia.

Over the past year, we have investigated increasing the license base with AL/RCF administrators and considered consolidation with a similar agency. After careful consideration of both options, the Board agreed consolidation to be the most practical, cost-effective, and beneficial option.

As a result, the Board is planning a transition to the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) in 2009. We believe the move to OHLA will benefit licensees through increased fiscal sustainability and resources, enhanced services and improved regulatory oversight.

### What Does This Mean For You?

The fee increases that were scheduled for January 1, 2009, will not be implemented. Further, the Board's Executive Director, Janet Bartel, has accepted a full-time position with OHLA effective November 2008. She will continue to support the Board during the transition process. When the Board's transition to OHLA is complete, she will remain a resource to the Board. I am confident that it will be a seamless transition and that you will receive the same level of service with OHLA as the Board has provided.

### What Does This Mean For The Board?

The Board will remain intact with its existing membership. The Board's work will continue as it has in the past; although, processes and procedures may change to provide for more efficient and effective outcomes. Effective November 11, 2008, the Board office will move from Portland to Salem and its address and contact information will change. Board meetings will convene in Salem effective January 14, 2009.

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### About OHLA

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) is a state consumer protection agency. OHLA provides centralized regulatory oversight for multiple health and related professions. OHLA's volunteer citizen boards and councils provide profession-specific expertise and consultation.

### OHLA's mission

To protect Oregon citizens from harm by setting, communicating, and enforcing uniform regulatory standards for multiple health and related professions while promoting a positive business environment that puts Oregonians to work.

### OHLA's goals

The OHLA agency works to achieve the following goals:

- Actively promote consumer protection through education, enforcement, and partnerships
- Promote a positive business environment by reducing barriers to professional practice
- Provide excellent customer service to all agency clients and stakeholders

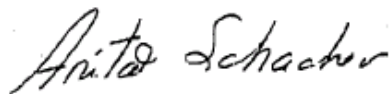
As a state consumer protection agency, OHLA plays a leading role in safeguarding the more than 3.5 million Oregon citizens who purchase services from professionals and businesses licensed by the agency.

OHLA issues nearly 70,000 licenses and 34 types of authorizations in 17 diverse professions. A cadre of 57 volunteer citizen members is appointed by the Governor to serve as representatives on nine advisory councils and boards and one licensing program.

Thank you for your support during the forthcoming transition. The Board and OHLA look forward to the transition and to the positive changes ahead. We anticipate a smooth transition, continued program enhancements, and improved customer services.

If you have any questions regarding the Board's transition to OHLA, please call any of the numbers on the enclosed "We're Moving" notice or e-mail Patricia Allbritton at [tricia.c.allbritton@state.or.us](mailto:tricia.c.allbritton@state.or.us).

Sincerely,



Anita Schacher, Board Chair  
Oregon Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

# Oregon Board of Nursing Home Administrators

## *We're Moving*

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The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators is moving to the Oregon Health Licensing Agency effective November 11, 2008. Following is information to assist you in contacting the Board during the transition.

### Tentative Transition Timeline

#### **Activity**

- Office relocation to Salem
- Internal transition activities
- Legislative session convenes
- January Board Meeting
- Complete transition to OHLA

#### **Timeline**

November 2008  
November 2008 - June 2009  
January 12, 2009  
January 14, 2009  
July 1, 2009

New Address and Contact Information (Effective November 11, 2008)  
The Board's address and contact number will change on November 11, 2008. The Board office will relocate to the OHLA office at the address listed below.

#### **Address**

Veterans' Affairs Building  
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320  
Salem, OR 97301-1287

#### **Contact Information**

The Board's Portland number (971) 673-0196 will change to the following Salem numbers. Should you call the Portland number after November 10, 2008, directory assistance will either automatically redirect the call or provide the new contact number. The Board's fax number will change to (503) 585-9114.

- New BENHA Phone Number (503) 378-6538
- Richard McNew, Acting Board Administrator (503) 373-1921
- Patricia Allbritton, Senior Policy Analyst / Board Liaison (503) 373-2088
- Board Member Direct Line (503) 373-2049 (for Board members only)
- New General E-mail – [ohla.info@state.or.us](mailto:ohla.info@state.or.us)

#### **BENHA Web site**

The Board's Web site will change from [www.oregon.gov/NHABD](http://www.oregon.gov/NHABD) to [www.oregon.gov/OHLA/NHABD](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/NHABD), or you can go to OHLA's main page at [www.oregon.gov/OHLA](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA) and click "Department" on the left navigation menu and then "Boards" on the drop-down menu. Visitors to our old Web site will be automatically re-directed to the new site.