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## Memorandum

**To:** Advanced Practice Nurses and Interested Parties

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**Subject:** Board Update

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### Regulation Changes

There were substantial changes at the most recent Board meeting in Division 50 (Nurse Practitioners) and 56 (Nurse Prescribing and Dispensing) related to both Board direction and legislative initiative. The following is a summary of the changes which will be phased in according to their designated implementation:

- National certification will be required before licensure for **all new NP applicants** as of **January 1, 2011**.
  - The Board will review available national certification exams during the next year to determine if they meet National Council of State Boards of Nursing criteria for regulatory sufficiency and reliability.
  - All transcripts for initial applicants for the CNS, CRNA or NP license will continue to be individually reviewed by the OSBN AP Consultant to determine if the respective programs meet Oregon criteria and regulations, regardless of national certification status.
  - All current Oregon NPs who are not nationally certified will **not** be required to obtain national certification provided that they continue to meet Oregon's existing practice and continuing education requirements.
  - Those currently nationally certified will be able to use their documentation of national certification to meet up to 50% of the Board's structured CE requirement for the applicable renewal cycle (see CE update).
- The OSBN will approve all Oregon based nurse practitioner programs.
  - After review of current accreditation reports, OSBN will begin the process of survey development for existing Oregon nurse practitioner programs.
  - Existing programs will require Board review on a periodic basis, upon substantiated complaint, or for purpose of reviewing a major curriculum change.
  - New programs will be required to obtain approval from the Board before they can complete development and enroll students, and at one year after implementation.



- **As of January 1, 2010**, nurses with prescriptive authority will be able to write prescriptions for Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) using Department of Human Services (DHS) guidelines.
  - Guidelines are being developed by DHS and will be posted for reference on their website.
  - The Oregon Board of Pharmacy is adopting rules regarding how prescriptions will be designated and recorded under pharmacy regulations.
  - Please continue to subscribe to the listserv for further details and information.
- **As of January 1, 2010**, nurses with dispensing authority will be able to delegate dispensing functions to staff assistants when a staff assistant performs technical support that does not require prescriptive judgment. As with current rules, all medications dispensed must be pre-packaged. See Division 56 regulations for details.

### **Continuing Education: Updates and Clarification for NPs**

The Board continues to receive a high volume of calls and emails regarding which continuing education hours may be counted towards the structured hours requirement. In response to this, the Board adopted regulations at its recent Board meeting which are congruent with requirements for ANCC certification for advanced practice nurses. The Board directed that similar accreditation guidelines be added to the CNS rules at a future meeting to ensure consistency in evaluation.

These guidelines will be incorporated into our online verification system, which now allows entry throughout the renewal cycle of continuing education as it is completed. In some cases, accreditation will permit acceptance of hours which have not met current requirements. The new regulations also permit use of national Board certification in an advanced nursing focus to meet the structured requirement for continuing education for nurse practitioners. Changes will be phased in over the next several months to allow update of the online system and Board communications on our website.

Accreditation by one of the following organizations will be recognized as valid for structured continuing education for purposes of renewal as of **January 1, 2010**:

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
- American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)
- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) (**accredits CME**)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) (**accredits CPE**)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

Accreditation by a state Board of Nursing or state Nurses Association

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National board certification in a Board recognized nurse practitioner population focus

**ONA Webinar**

**Nurse Practitioner License Investigation: What to Do if it Happens to You** is a webinar presentation which is AANP accredited sponsored by the Oregon Nurses Association and Nurse Practitioners of Oregon. The webinar was presented on November 21, 2009 and is still available for review by contacting Melissa Tangedal at: [tangedal@oregonrn.org](mailto:tangedal@oregonrn.org). It will also be posted on the ONA website at [www.oregonrn.org](http://www.oregonrn.org).