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## Memorandum

To: Oregon Advanced Practice Nurses and Interested Parties

From: Tracy Klein, RN, FNP, FAANP 

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Re: Board Update September 15-16, 2010

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### Continuing Education

The Board adopted regulations for Clinical Nurse Specialist structured continuing education requirements used for renewal. Accrediting bodies accepted for Clinical Nurse Specialist license structured continuing education include:

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/>

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) <http://www.accme.org/>

American Academy of Continuing Medical Education (AAOCME) <http://www.aaocme.org/>

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) <http://www.acpe-accredit.org/>

State Boards of Nursing or State Nurses Associations

Clinical Nurse Specialists will now have the option to use national certification as a CNS to meet their structured CE requirements. 50% independent or unstructured hours will still be required in addition to structured hours or national certification. The Board will update its website FAQs shortly to reflect these changes.

The Board also clarified regulations recently adopted which allow Nurse Practitioners to use current national certification as a Nurse Practitioner to meet up to 50 structured hours of CE for each renewal cycle. The Board noted that organizations like ANCC may only require 75 hours every 5 years, however, the Board confirmed that NPs can still count 50 hours for each renewal cycle in Oregon if currently nationally certified. Requirements continue to include additional CE in independent or unstructured activities and specific pharmacology hours for all prescribers.

Adoption of the above regulations will help prepare the Board for continuing education audits which have been adopted in their strategic plan at the request of the legislature. Further information on audits



and the audit process will be published in the *Sentinel* newsletter and distributed to all licensees by next year.

### **National Certification for Nurse Practitioners**

**Reminder:** As of January 1, 2011 all NPs seeking **initial** licensure in Oregon will be required to document current national certification as a Nurse Practitioner. They will be expected to maintain their national certification for renewal and continued practice.

Currently licensed NPs will **not** need to meet this requirement but may choose to do so for continuing education or employment purposes.

### **Draft Rules for Comment**

At the request of the Oregon Nurses Association, the Board reviewed and approved initial draft language changes to Division 56 which clarify the ability to prescribe compounded, grandfathered and off-label drugs. Current Board regulations adopted in 2008 permit prescribing of FDA approved drugs only unless patients are enrolled in an IRB approved trial or limited access program. Proposed rules expand this authority to permit prescribing of additional categories of drugs with specific considerations.

Existing pharmacy law requires that all drugs manufactured for distribution to Oregon patients be prepared in an Oregon licensed pharmacy, whether or not the pharmacy is located in Oregon. Draft rules are open for comment and final rules will be presented for hearing at the November 18, 2010 Board meeting. Please address formal testimony comments in writing to Board President Pat Markesino RN, MBA and send to the attention of KC Cotton, Executive Assistant with a cc to Tracy Klein, MS, FNP, Advanced Practice Consultant.

Draft rules and policies for comment may be found at the Board's website at [http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/draft\\_policies\\_rules.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/draft_policies_rules.shtml). Interested parties may also subscribe to listserves on the Board's website which directly send Board agendas and Board meeting materials for advance review.