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Welcome New Board Member, Keith Oehlert!

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing welcomes new public Board member, Keith Oehlert. Keith graduated from Oklahoma City University with a degree in political science and continued her education in accounting, obtaining Certified Public Accounting certification. She has been involved in the American Medical Association Alliance where she served on national committees; the Oklahoma State Medical Association, serving as president and board member; the Oklahoma County Medical Society Alliance, serving as president and board member; and the Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing Executive Board. Keith has also trained the Instructor-Trainers for the American Heart Association – Oklahoma Affiliate. In addition, she has taught medical students about health literacy and volunteered in the Open Arms Free Clinic. As a member of the Rotary Club 29, she participates in the International Service Committee and is chair of the Wings of Rotary Exchange Committee. Keith commented that she is honored to join the Board of Nursing to ensure quality in healthcare in Oklahoma.

Mandatory Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Checks

The Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) provides secure access to Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics registrants, including pharmacies and practitioners in good standing. Regulatory and law enforcement agencies designated by law may also access the system. The PMP application provides continuity between health care practitioners, pharmacies, and state law enforcement to help prevent prescription fraud and drug abuse in Oklahoma.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with prescriptive authority who prescribe controlled dangerous substances within Oklahoma shall obtain a registration issued by the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control [63 O.S. § 2-302A]. Registrants shall have access to the central repository, known as PMP, for the purposes of patient treatment and for determination in prescribing or screening new patients [63 O.S. § 2-309D.G.1.].

[63 O.S. 2-309D.G.2.a] **Effective November 1, 2015:**

1. A mandatory PMP check is required for a **new patient** or **after 180 days elapsed** since the last PMP check prior to providers prescribing one of the following: opiates, synthetic opiates, semi-synthetic opiates, benzodiazepine, or carisoprodol with the exclusions for Hospice or end-of-life, or a patient residing in nursing facility.
2. Providers may designate a staff member to access the information in the PMP system on the provider's behalf. Individual access is encouraged for each provider and staff member, which allows for identification of the person who has accessed the PMP information.
3. Providers may include a copy of the patient's PMP information in the patient's record.
4. Providers shall note in the patient file that the PMP has been checked.

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in accordance with Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, may prescribe medications that are within the APRN's scope of practice, with a supervising physician agreement and an Exclusionary Formulary. "The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with prescriptive authority who prescribes Schedule III-V drugs will comply with state and Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements prior to prescribing controlled substances. No more than a 30 day supply for Schedule III-V drugs shall be prescribed by the APRN with prescriptive authority" [OAC 485: 10-16-5(c)].

Ward Achieves Institute of Regulatory Excellence Fellow Status

Jackye Ward, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Deputy Director of Regulatory Services, Oklahoma Board of Nursing was inducted into the ninth group of Fellows of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Institute of Regulatory Excellence (IRE) during the NCSBN Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly in Chicago August 19-21, 2015. The IRE Fellowship Program is a four-year comprehensive educational and professional development program designed for current regulators who want to enhance their knowledge of and leadership in nursing regulation. The program includes experiences in analyzing issues involving public policy and regulation, strategic planning, patient safety and communication. It also requires the application of evidence-based concepts in decision making and leadership. Individuals who complete the Fellowship Program requirements are called a Fellow of the NCSBN Regulatory Excellence Institute (FRE) and are entitled to use the initials "FRE" after their name in recognition of their accomplishment. Jackye is the first Fellow of the NCSBN Regulatory Excellence Institute from Oklahoma!

Recent Policy Revisions

The following policies have been reviewed/approved and are available for review by hyperlink provided:

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the September 2015 Board Meeting:

Delegation of Nursing Functions to Unlicensed Persons, #P-02 available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/delegation.pdf>

Exclusionary Formulary for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with Prescriptive Authority, #P-50B available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-exclusfrm.pdf>

Complete September 2015 Board Minutes are available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/bdinsep15.pdf>

Complete November 2015 Board Minutes will be available following the January 2016 Board Meeting at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/bdminnov15.pdf>

Reminder for Change of Name

Licenseses must provide certified evidence (a copy of marriage license or court action) regarding any change of name within 30 days of the change. To change your name, you must complete the Name Change Request form. The form is available on the Board of Nursing website at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/namechange.pdf>

Reminder for Change of Address

Have you had a change of address? If so, you **must** notify the Board office in writing within 30 days of the change. You may submit a signed and dated statement with your license number or Social Security number, your full name, and your new address. Alternatively, you may complete your change of address on the Board's website:

<https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/login.php>

Notice to Licensees Submitting Online Renewals

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing online renewal system provides a convenient way for you to submit your renewal. However, it is essential that you protect the security of your online information. **Your PIN number, which is required for the renewal, should not be shared with anyone, not even with your spouse or support staff at your place of employment.** Your responsibility to renew your license **cannot** be delegated to another person. **You are the only person who can complete and submit the online renewal application!**

To access the online renewal:

<https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

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