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Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Renewal Notification

Effective January 1, 2017, DEA modified written renewal notification in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1301.13(e)(3). The initial renewal notification is sent to the "mail to" address for each DEA registrant approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date. A second reminder to renew the **DEA** registration is emailed to the email address on file.

If any registered person does not receive a renewal notice within 45 days before the registration expiration date, the registrant must promptly give notice of such fact and may request forms by writing to the Registration Section of the DEA. For registration information you may call **DEA** at (800) 882-9539.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules require Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Nurse Practitioners (APRN-CNP), APRN-Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), and APRN-Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) with **prescriptive authority** who prescribe Schedule III-V drugs to comply with state and Federal Drug Enforcement Administration prior to prescribing controlled substances [OAC 485:10-16-5 (c)]. The Oklahoma *Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act* allows an APRN-CNP, APRN-CNS, and APRN-CNM with prescriptive authority to prescribe schedule III-V [63 O.S. § 2-312.C].

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules require Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) with **authority to order, select, obtain and administer** Schedule II-V drugs to comply with Federal Drug Enforcement Administration requirements and state of Oklahoma requirements prior to prescribing controlled substances [OAC 485:10-18-5(c)]. The Oklahoma *Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act* allows CRNAs with authority to order, select, obtain and administer to prescribe schedule II-V [63 O.S. § 2-312.D].

Oklahoma Nursing Education Programs Annual Report

Nursing Education Programs 2016 Annual Report Information Combined report may be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/neannrptalfy10.pdf>

BSN programs may be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/bsnannrpt10.pdf>

ADN programs may be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/adnannrpt10.pdf>

PN programs may be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/pnannrpt10.pdf>

Seeking Peer Assistance Committee Members

The purpose of the Peer Assistance Program is to provide a structured, voluntary program to rehabilitate nurses whose competency may be compromised because of the abuse of drugs or alcohol, so that such nurses can be treated and can return to or continue the practice of nursing in a manner which will benefit the public [59 O.S.567.17(A)]. One of the most important components of the Peer Assistance Program is the Peer Assistance Committee (“Committee”). The Program relies on volunteer Committee members to operate. The Committee members are appointed by the Board of Nursing to three (3) year terms and donate approximately seven (7) days per year to the Program to fulfill their duties. These duties include determining whether to accept applicants into the Program, establishing the terms of the participant contract, monitoring the participant’s progress in maintaining sobriety and compliance with the contract, and determining when the participant has met the criteria for successful completion or when the participant should be terminated from the Program for noncompliance or failure to progress.

If you have expertise in substance use disorders and would like to be considered for appointment to the Committee please contact:

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Recent Policy Revisions

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

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the November 2016 Board Meeting:

Patient Assessment Guideline, #P-14, accessible at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/ptassessql.pdf>

Limited Obstetric Ultrasound and Limited Ultrasound in a Reproductive Medicine Setting Examinations Performed by Registered Nurse Guidelines, #P-13, accessible at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/rmultra.pdf>

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the January 2017 Board Meeting:

Issuance of Temporary Licenses for RNs and LPNs, #P-09, accessible at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-templic.pdf>

Online Applications

All nursing licensure applications and applications for Advanced Unlicensed Assistants have been available online since 2009. Since this time, the Board has seen a marked improvement in processing times of applications and improved stakeholder satisfaction. The transition to online applications supports the “Go Green” direction of state government, contributes to efficiencies within the Board of Nursing, and promotes lower application processing times.

For those applicants who do not have personal access to a computer through home, work, school or a nearby library, computers are available for public use in the Board office. If an applicant cannot access an online application by any of these means, a paper copy may be requested by the individual applicant by submitting a written request for such to the Board office. A self-addressed, postage-paid (approximately \$1.06) 8 ½” x 11” envelope must accompany the written request for a paper copy of the application.

Routine Reminders and Links

Reminder for Change of Name

Licensees 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>

In preparing to submit your online renewal application, please visit the following link specific to **Continuing Qualifications for License Renewal Guidelines**: <http://ok.gov/nursing/cqlicenser renewal.pdf>

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