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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-10-02
Rule Title Continuing Education General Standards
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer  Peggy Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC

Date March 20, 2018

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: 610-X-10-.02, Continuing Education General Standards

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to continuing education.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, 610-X-10-.02, Continuing Education General Standards. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes allow nurses to receive credit for completing the Board's mandatory CE class once per license period.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or verbal comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Friday, May 4, 2018. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, May 4, 2018.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

Continuing Education General Standards.

(1) A registered nurse and licensed practical nurse shall be individually accountable for continued competence to practice nursing.

(2) The Board of Nursing may prescribe a refresher course for reentry into practice.

(3) Individual requests to verify approval for a specific course or activity may be submitted to a Board-approved provider.

(4) A registered nurse and licensed practical nurse shall meet continuing education requirements as stated in Rule 610-X-4-.08, Renewal of License.

(5) Pharmacology continuing education hours are required for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) with prescriptive authority and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) as stated in Rule 610-X-4-.08, Renewal of License.

(6) The Mandatory class as described in Rule 610-X-4-.08 for the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed for the first license renewal may be viewed by all licensed nurses. A licensed nurse may receive continuing education credit for completing the Mandatory class once each renewal period.

~~(a) The registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may view the classes multiple times but credit hours will be earned for only one viewing.~~

~~(b) A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who viewed the mandatory course previously may view and receive credit for updated versions which are clearly identified.~~

(7) Failure to comply with continuing education requirements may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

(8) Units of measure for continuing education shall be:

- (a) 1 contact hour = 50 minutes
- (b) 0.5 contact hour = 25 minutes
- (c) 15 contact hours = 1 academic semester credit hour
- (d) 10 contact hours = 1 academic quarter credit hour
- (e) 1 contact hour = 0.1 continuing education unit (CEU)

(9) The Board may accept contact hours(s) earned from a continuing education provider that uses different units of measurement without conversion.

(10) Continuing education classes and activities may not be repeated within the earning period for credit. A class may be audited (no credit awarded) as allowed by the continuing education provider.

(11) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses shall not enter any courses to their individual continuing education record from a Board-approved provider with an ABNP number.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-21-2, 34-21-23(f). **History:** Effective March 22, 1991. **Amended:**

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