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DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS

The Board office will be closed on the following designated holidays:

September 2, 2002 – Labor Day

INVALID LICENSES DUE TO FAILURE TO PAY AN NSF CHECK

The following individuals have had their license invalidated for failure to pay an NSF check. The following RNs should contact the Board office to clear their accounts owing the Board.

Deborah Hebert Smith
Monique J. Gauthier
Kimberly Reid-Sullivan

INVALID LICENSES DUE TO FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

The 2002 Registered Nurse licenses of the following individuals have been made inactive due to failure to respond to the 2001 continuing education audit. Practicing without an active, valid license is illegal in Louisiana. If any individual has questions, they should contact Dr. Ellienne Tate at 504-838-5385.

Adriana Coffett
Leila Easterling
Deborah Harpe
Abby Istre
Evette Landor-Taylor
Roland Varnum

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STAFF VACANCY

RECOVERING NURSE PROGRAM MANAGER

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing invites applicants for the position of Recovering Nurse Program Manager. This is an administrative position responsible for the activities of the Board which relate to the intake of participants into the Recovering Nurse Program (RNP) including but not necessarily limited to:

- Working with nursing employers determine if cause exists to recommend a nurse to the RNP.
- Explaining the RNP to appropriate nurses
- Completion of forms for participants
- Facilitating entry into treatment
- Receiving and reviewing records from the treatment center.
- Facilitating the return to work of participants

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- Limited availability for facilitating interventions.

The Program Manager is responsible to the Executive Director of the Board through the Compliance Director and is at the Civil Service grade level of MS 69. Salary negotiable within the civil service range and includes compensation for education and experience, retirement benefits may be transferred.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Citizen of the US;
- Possession of a valid, unencumbered, license to practice as a registered nurse in Louisiana;
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree in nursing. Master's degree in nursing or related field preferred;
- Knowledge of addiction recovery as evidenced by certification or eligibility for certification;
- Varied experience in nursing, including, but not limited to at least five (5) years of successful experience in clinical nursing practice and recent experience in clinical nursing practice and recent experience in substance abuse/addiction recovery treatment;
- Broad concept of nursing practice and the ability to interpret the role of nursing in society effectively;
- Personal and professional integrity;
- Objectivity;
- Knowledge of the functions of state government;
- Skill in verbal, written and listening communication;
- Good interpersonal skills
- Ability to travel frequently;
- Commitment to the purpose and mission of the Board of Nursing;
- Ability to operate office equipment. Must have computer skills and be able to access and accomplish on-line processing through mainframe and networked systems, world-wide web, and central data systems and ability to identify problems for users and make recommendations for resolutions of problems in operation of same;
- Ability to sit and stand for long periods;
- Ability to lift thirty (30) pounds;
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing;
- Possess professional manner;
- Can establish and maintain positive interpersonal relationships.

Applications for the above position should include a resume and a letter that addresses how the applicant's qualifications satisfy the position criteria. Three letters of reference should be provided. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Address correspondence to Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director, at the address of the Board.

NEW FORMS ON BOARD WEB SITE

The Board has recently added several new forms on our web site: www.lsbn.state.la.us. The new forms are:

Address Change Form

- Duplicate License Request Form
- Request for Reinstatement Form
- Order Form for Data Services

These forms may be completed online, printed out and faxed or mailed to the Board office.

RENEWAL TIME IS FAST APPROACHING

To prepare for renewals, the Board is asking employers to notify their registered nurse staff of the following:

Submit Address/Name Changes: The 2002 renewal applications will be mailed by October 15, 2002 to the last known address on file as of August 31, 2002. Many renewal applications are returned as undeliverable because the nurse has moved and failed to notify the Board of the address change. Address changes must be submitted in writing or by e-mail. **(See attached form-copy as needed)**

Failure to receive a renewal application does not excuse the nurse from the requirements of renewal of licensure or from the possibility of disciplinary action for practicing without a license. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times

Registered Nurses With Defaulted Student Loans:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2951, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing withholds the licensure renewal applications of registered nurses who were deemed by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to be in default of a student loan.

Individuals will be notified by mail that their 2003 renewal application will be withheld until the Board receives notification from LOSFA that payment arrangements have been made. *Please be advised that the Board has no authority to arrange payments or to issue a renewal application until we are notified by LOSFA that arrangements have been made.*

Continuing Education/ Nursing Practice Requirements:

RN's must be in compliance with the C.E./Nursing Practice requirements prior to submitting their renewal application for processing. Qualifying continuing education must meet one of the following criteria:

- a. The activity is approved by a Board of Nursing; or the provider is approved by the Board of Nursing; or the provider is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation; or
- b. The activity or the provider is approved by an agency accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation to approve continuing education providers and/or continuing education activities. The Louisiana State Nurses Association is an example of an agency, which meets this criterion.

Note: The certificate of attendance must contain a statement identifying the approval authority for the contact hours.

The administrative rules provide the following options for meeting the continuing education/nursing practice requirements for renewal of an active license:

- 1. Continuing Education requirements: (The rule specifies which activities are acceptable continuing education activities.)
 - a. 5 contact hours (full-time employment)
 - b. 10 contact hours (part-time employment)
 - c. 15 contact hours (less than part-time/unemployed)
 - d. Initial licensure by examination or by endorsement during the previous calendar year.
 - e. Certification by organizations in a specialty area of nursing whose requirements have been approved by the Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the above requirements.
- 2. Nursing Practice requirements:
 - a. full-time employment (1600 hours per calendar year)
 - b. part-time employment (a minimum of 160 hours per calendar year)
 - c. self-employed, home health, or independent contract employment (minimum of 1600 nursing practice hours per calendar year)

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY RENEWAL GUIDELINES

- APRN's with limited prescriptive and distributing authority must have earned (6) contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics between January 1, 2002 and January 31, 2003.

- On the backside of the APRN application, check the box if prescriptive authority has been granted.

- ***CRNA's authorized to administer anesthetics per LRS 37:930.A.3 but who have not been granted***

Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority should not check this box.

- Documentation of the contact hours for prescriptive authority must be submitted with the renewal application.

REMINDER

APRNs who are grandfathered or licensed with commensurate requirements without advanced practice certification (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE APRNS LICENSED AS APRNS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION) must meet in the year 2002-2003 a minimum of 300 hours of practice in advanced practice nursing (**as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:913.3.a.i-ix**) within a twelve (12) month period and a minimum of two college credit hours per year of relevance to advanced practice, or a minimum of 30 continuing education contact hours approved by the Board per year. Of the 30 hours, a maximum of 10 hours may be approved Continuing Medical Education (CME's).

APRN's who were grandfathered may choose to obtain advanced practice national certification. Otherwise, they will need to meet the practice and continuing education requirements.

For questions, contact Deborah Humphrey at 504-838-5337 or humphreyd@lsbn.state.la.us.

PURCHASE OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ROSTER

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing's 2001 Annual Report and the 2002 Roster of all Louisiana Licensed Registered Nurses are available for purchase at the Board office, for a fee of \$30.00 and \$50.00 respectively. The Annual Report includes major activities related to: Board operations; Board actions regarding Board policy; standards for nursing education related to faculty, curriculum, and licensure of graduates; nursing practice standards and issues; compliance with practice requirements; statistical data related to licensure; and characteristics of the licensed registered nurse population. The Roster includes an alphabetical listing of all individuals who held a 2002 registered nurse license as of April 2002. If you would like to purchase one of these documents, please mail your request along with a check for the appropriate amount to the Office of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

RED CROSS DISASTER NURSING SERVICES

We are nearing hurricane season once again and anyone that may be involved in emergency services should be aware of the rules and regulations for registered nurses during a disaster or immediate emergency situation. This information may also be found on the Board's web site: www.lsbm.state.la.us.

In the event a hurricane warning is issued for the New Orleans metro area and city officials recommend office closures or declare an emergency evacuation of the area, the Board office will close to comply. The office will reopen as soon as it is feasible for staff to safely return.

89.15 In reference to Licensure for Disaster Relief in Hospitals: (INTERPRETATION OF L.R.S. 37:929, C)

The term "immediate emergency" in L.R.S. 37:929, C, includes disasters as defined by the American Red Cross:

"A disaster is an occurrence such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, drought, blizzard, pestilence, famine, fire, explosion, building collapse, commercial transportation wreck, or other situations that cause human suffering or create human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without substantial assistance."

In these situations, registered nurses who hold unencumbered licenses in another state may provide nursing care in Louisiana if the following conditions are met:

1. Direct supervision (to include verification of current licensure) will be provided by a registered nurse currently licensed in Louisiana; and
2. The name and license number of the supervising nurse and of the nurses from out-of-state are provided to the Board of Nursing for verification the next working day.

Following a disaster, out-of-state nurses working in Louisiana longer than seven (7) days must file an application for licensure by endorsement. Exception to the seven-day limitation may be approved by the Executive Director, in accord with criteria established by the Board.

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE JUNE 5, 2002 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Accepted the proposed revisions to the LSBM bylaws

Accepted the recommendation that Susan Duhon be appointed to fill the term of Nurse Practitioner from a rural area on the Joint Administrative Committee.

Adopted the final rules for LAC 46: XLVII.3505 School Annual Report fee.

CREDENTIALING ISSUES

Adopted the proposed revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D Temporary Permits for rulemaking and that staff be allowed to make editorial changes based on review by the Board's attorney, Wade Shows.

Approved the request that the Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN) designation be added to the list of certifications that are acceptable for Registered Nurse continuing education requirements for relicensure.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Recognized William E. Sullivan's masters in nursing as compliant with the rule that specifies a baccalaureate and a masters in nursing for eligibility to teach in a program in Louisiana preparing graduates for RN licensure. The specific action by the Board is to grant the request for recognition of having educational preparation equivalent to a baccalaureate and a masters in nursing. It is understood that should he apply for a faculty position in Louisiana, official transcripts will be reviewed to assure that information submitted is consistent with that which was reported for review.

Accepted the January 30-February 1, 2002 Site-visit Report of Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing and grant continuing "**full approval**" to the nursing program with three suggestions and two recommendations. Recommendations are to be reported on in the 2001-2002 Annual Report.

Suggestions:

1. That the framework articulate the professional standards that guide the program goals.

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2. That funds be allocated for faculty participation in conferences and workshops to assure knowledge of trends and developments in nursing and nursing education.
 3. Analyze the need for support staff as one person for direct support to the Director and faculty is minimum.

Recommendations:

1. That one additional faculty be added to support the workload of the faculty relative to continuing program and faculty development and evaluation, and to facilitate special projects. (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.A and B.6)
2. That tools be developed for the collection of data and that program records document the systematic analysis and use of data for program improvement. (LAC 46:XLVII.3523).

Sanctioned the application to establish a LPN to BSN program by the University of Phoenix College of Health Sciences and Nursing and authorize them to continue with Step II of the procedures for establishing a new program. Further, University of Phoenix is reminded that in accordance with §3533.2.c., public announcements of the opening of the proposed program and preadmission of students shall not occur prior to the receipt of initial Board approval.

NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following nursing practice opinions:

Placing the cervical tenaculum and the uterine manipulator: The Clinical Educator - Surgical Services, Womans Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN in the perioperative arena placing the cervical tenaculum and the uterine manipulator to expedite the start of surgery if he/she has had training to do so.

That it is **not** within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to place the cervical tenaculum and uterine manipulator.

Additional CPT Codes: The Medicaid Director, Bureau of Health Services Financing, DHH requested that the Board of Nursing render an opinion regarding the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners performing certain CPT codes.

That it is within the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

- 82270 - Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 1-3 simultaneous determinations
- 82947 - Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip)

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- 86580 - Skin test; tuberculosis, intradermal
 - 86585 - Skin test; tuberculosis, tine test
 - 20610 - Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa (eg. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa).

That it is within the scope of practice of women's health nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

76810 - Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, B-scan and/or real time with image documentation; complete (complete fetal and maternal evaluation), multiple gestation, after the first trimester

82270 - Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 1-3 simultaneous determinations

RN draining a pleural catheter: The Nursing Education Coordinator, Opelousas General Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN draining a (Pleurx) pleural catheter in the home health and acute care settings.

That it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to drain a pleural catheter which is inserted into the intrapleural space to drain excess fluid from the pleural cavity in the acute care and home health settings provided the said RN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities and the institution has a written policy in place to provide for such.

Providing anesthesia services for a podiatrist: The Department Manager, Lady of the Sea Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding a CRNA in solo practice (no anesthesiologist) providing anesthesia for a podiatrist in surgery.

That it is **not** within the scope of practice of a CRNA to provide anesthesia services for a podiatrist.

RN administering analgesic agents for pain management: The Special Projects Officer, LSUHSC-UMC, Lafayette submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN providing care for patients receiving analgesia by epidural catheter or infusion device of opioids, steroids, alpha-agonists, or other medications including combinations.

That it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to replace empty syringes and/or infusion bag of analgesic pre-prepared solutions and to adjust the infusion rate and/or the administration of an additional dose of analgesia according to the institution's pain intensity level protocol and the Board's previous opinions regarding the epidural administration of analgesic agents and pain management.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

JUNE 5, 2002

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program SCO = Show Cause Order

Adams, Jeffrey John (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine.
Charges: Exceeding Professional Boundaries

Bailey, Katherine Crump (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations.

Blanchard, Rachelle Denise Hendrick (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Bongawil, Yolanda Lee (Consent Order)
Suspended with stay and probation minimum of 24 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug-related: Other, Narcotic Documentation Discrepancies

Brown, Lena Caldwell (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Burke, Christine Marie Wytenus (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Butera, Donna Marie Davidge (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Davis, Angela Marie (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Charges.

DeLaughter, Joseph Wade Jr. (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance of Settlement Order.

Flettrich, Mary Maness (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Fonseca, Jennifer Demare (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed.

Fontenot, Pamela Ruth Beauchamp (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

Gray, Todd Dewayne (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests.

Hardin, Cathy Jane Norris (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Hodges, Sherri Lenee Devillier
Suspended license.
Charges: Criminal Arrest

Holland, Karen A. (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine
Charges: False Documentation, Improper Use of Drugs

Hose, JoAnn McAlister (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Joiner, Terry Alan (Consent Order)
Probated license minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Lathon, Roderick (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until pre-trial diversion program completed.

Lea, Wendy Patricia (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation minimum 18 months with stipulations and fine.

Martin, Ann Truex
Suspended license.
Charges: Criminal Conviction

McCallum, Patricia Crawford (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

McDermott, Max Edward (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

McIntyre, Clyde R. (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Martinez, George Gerard (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation and RNP for 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Mercadel, Yiana Kima (Consent Order) (Student)
Suspended with stay, probated for entire duration of enrollment/attendance in any nursing school with stipulations .
Charges: Fraud/Deceit: Other.

Miles, Cassandra Ann Darkins (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Moore, Hugh Nathan (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Moran, Donna Lynette (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Assess and False Documentation.

Odom, Thomas Joseph (Settlement Order)
Probated license minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Drug Related.

Perronne, Wendy Valliant (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Price, Joshua Ryan (Settlement Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

Rachal, Toni Taylor (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Reynolds, Lee Rene Avery (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Richardson, Bennie Kyle (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Riser, Christopher Clark (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

Robinson, Sandra Lee Hyde (Consent Order)(Ratified)
3/27/02 Probated license for a minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.
4/5/02 Suspended license due to non-compliance of Consent Order.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards, Wastage Errors.

Rowland, Pamela Faye Chenevert (Consent Order)
Probated license for a minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment, Leaving Duty Station.

Ruiz, Kelli Marig Trentcosta
Consent Order signed 2/4/2002, probation/suspension with stay extended to four (4) years from 2/4/2002

Rushing, Amanda Beth (Student) (Ratified)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed.

Salts, Donald Ray (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Scott, Damon Kenae (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Sepulvado, Robert E (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Sherwood, Kaylynn Marie (Endorsee)
Denied endorsement and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License

Smith, Beth Janine (Settlement Order)
Suspended for 18 months and fine.
Charges: Misconduct, False Documentation, Failure to Assess.

Smith, Jimmie Dale
Probated license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Conviction

Starns, Peggy Lynn Sloan
Revoked license.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Felony.

Stephens, Kristin Hope Cupit (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation for 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Taylor, Vicki Diane (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Temes, Stephen Scott
Suspended license with fine.
Charges: Positive Drug Screen.

Thompson, Blanche Latriece
Fined.
Charges: Imposter

Von Lofton, Leonore Helen Martinez (Consent Order)
Suspended with stay and probation minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Violating State/Federal Statutes/Rules

Williams, Tangela Dionne Tieuel
Eligible for reinstatement after completion of reinstatement process with probation, stipulations and fine in accordance with Consent Order of November 27, 2000.

Wolfe, Richard James
Suspended license.
Charges: Positive Drug Screen

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Administrative Committee meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m., at the Louisiana State Medical Society office, 6767 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge, LA on the following dates:

August 23, 2002
October 18, 2002
December 5, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATES

Committee meetings of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

October 22-23, 2002
January 14-15, 2003

Advisory Council meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing will be held from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon on the following date:

September 9, 2002

Board meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

<u>Closed Board Meetings</u>	<u>Open Board Meetings</u>
September 9-10, 2002	September 11, 2002
December 2-3, 2002	December 4, 2002
March 10-11, 2003	March 12, 2003

All meetings will take place at the Board office, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the open Board meetings. Any group wishing to attend open Board meetings should contact the Board office at least four weeks prior to the meeting date to verify availability of space. Discipline hearings are held on the above specified closed meeting date(s). All actions of the Board are taken in open session. Specific times for agenda items are not established. If there are questions concerning when an agenda item will be addressed, contact the Board office.

Agendas are posted on the Board's web site; www.lsbn.state.la.us at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

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HAS YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGED?

If so, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 3510 N. Causeway, Suite 501, Metairie, LA 70002.

This is a change of:

Name (Documentation Required)* **Address** **Replacement Card Needed****

*Copy of a marriage license, divorce decree with name restoration clause, or other legal document granting a name change is required.

** A licensee who wishes a license card replaced because of a change in name or address must return the current license card to the Board, give information that is to be changed, and pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.

For identification, please provide the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____
Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (area code/number)

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

No Fee For Name or Address Change—Copy as Needed.