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Representative Taylor Barras  
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Dear Representative Barras,

Pursuant to R.S.49:968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces its plan to proceed with the rule-making process by revising Chapter 45 to comply with §978.3 (“Continuing education for the prescribing of controlled substances”) in Section 2 of Act 76 of Louisiana’s 2017 regular legislative session. Act 76 mandates that prescribers of controlled substances in Louisiana with a CDS license must obtain three credit hours of continuing education (CE) as a prerequisite of license renewal. Content of the CE must include drug diversion training, best practices for the prescribing of controlled substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other content deemed appropriate by the regulatory agency. This is a one-time requirement under Act 76. CEs obtained for this purpose may be utilized to meet the usual CE requirements of the agency. Currently, APRNs with prescriptive authority have an annual CE requirement as do grandfathered APRNs upon renewal of licensure under commensurate requirements.

In addition, a clarification is proposed to Chapter 45 that the practice requirement for renewal for grandfathered APRNs be aligned to consider the newly implemented biennial renewal in that the practice requirement is annual rather than the previous language of “within a 12-month period”.

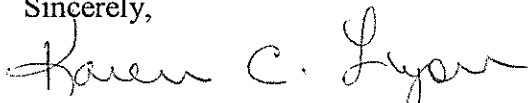
revised to refer to LAC 46:XLVII.4507.A.1.a-e. Previous rule changes published in 2016 resulted in renumbering of sections of §4507 that inadvertently were not adjusted in subsequent sections. Prior to 2016, §4507.A.1.a.-d. referred to and required national certification to be licensed as an APRN in an additional specialty, thus the revised reference includes §4507.A.1.a-e in order to include national certification. Secondly, LAC 46:XLVII.4507.D.1.c. which references LAC 46:XLVII.4507.A.1.b. and d. and should be revised to refer to LAC 46:XLVII.4507.A.1.b and e. Previous rule changes published in 2016 resulted in renumbering of sections of §4507 that inadvertently were not adjusted in subsequent sections. Prior to 2016, §4507.A.1.b and d. referred to and required national certification to be licensed as an APRN via endorsement, thus the revised reference includes §4507.A.1.b. and e. in order to include national certification. Thirdly, LAC 46:XLVII.4507.F.2. which references subparagraphs F.1.a; b; and e. and should be revised to refer to subparagraphs F.1.a; c; and e. Prior to 2016, §4507. F.1.a, b, and e. referred to and required national certification to be licensed as an APRN via reinstatement, thus the revised reference includes §4507. F.1.a; c; and e. in order to include national certification. In summary all technical changes clarify the reference to and inadvertent omission of the previous and ongoing requirement for national certification when APRNs are applying for licensure in an additional specialty, for reinstatement, and for endorsement.

LSBN would like to finalize the May 20, 2019, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 718 - 721 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The LSBN has not received comments opposing the proposed changes to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses §4507 Licensure as Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and §4513 Authorized Practice and §4516 Continuing Education Requirement for APRNs Prescribing Controlled Substances. The LSBN is not required to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Revised Statute 49:953 (A) (2).

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,



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