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Senator John Alario, Jr, President
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Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to R.S.49.968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making of section §4507 by finalizing the October 20, 2015, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 2218-2220 of the *Louisiana Register*. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing submitted two rules changes via one Notice of Intent which included Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Authorized Practice (LAC 46:XLVII. 4507 and 4513). The Louisiana State Board of Nursing received comments on §4513 and has scheduled a second public hearing on January 26, 2016. A Potpourri was published in the November 20, 2015 *La Register* to separate the two proposed rules §4513 and §4507 and go forward with §4507. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing did not receive any comments related to §4507, therefore we are requesting to move forward with the promulgation of this rule.

This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37.918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. LSBN proposes to amend Chapter 45 in accordance with R.S. 97.911 et. seq., with particular emphasis on §4507. The proposed Rule will allow the Louisiana State Board of Nursing the ability to provide an opportunity for APRNs that have acquired licensure by alternative methods to go before the board and explain and/or justify why the Louisiana State Board of Nursing should extend licensure opportunities to him/her.

The LSBN scheduled a hearing on November 30, 2015. The LSBN has received no opposition related to §4507 and therefore is requesting to move forward with promulgation of this requested rule change.

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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If, because of a disability, you require special assistance to participate, please contact the CPRA Administrative Assistant, at P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4027 or by telephone at (225) 342-7308, at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Please visit <http://coastal.la.gov/> for more detailed information and copies of the draft Annual Plan which will be posted prior to the public meetings.

For questions regarding the meetings or to record your comments on the draft plan please contact Chuck Perrodin chuck.perrodin@la.gov or 225.342.7615.

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Office of the Governor
Office of Financial Institutions

Judicial Interest Rate for 2016

Pursuant to authority granted by La. R.S. 13:4202(B)(1), as amended, the Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions has determined that the judicial rate of interest for calendar year 2016 will be 4 percent per annum.

John Ducrest, CPA
Commissioner

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Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Nursing

Public Hearing—Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule
Advance Practice Registered Nurses
(LAC 46:XLVII.4513)

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) intends to incorporate substantive changes to the proposed amendments to the regulations regarding LAC 46:XLVII.4513. The Notice of Intent for Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII, Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses, Subpart 2, Registered Nurses, Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, was published in the October 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

A public hearing was held pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) on November 30, 2015, and interested persons were invited to provide comment. After a thorough review and careful consideration of the received comments, the board proposed to amend certain portions of the proposed rules:

- amend §4513.D.11.c.i, *Exclusion*, to strike the words “shall be within the scope of practice of CRNAs as delineated by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists” after the words “Anesthesia care” and before the words “and includes” and insert the words “includes modalities associated with the delivery of anesthesia. Anesthesia care provided by a CRNA shall be in accord with the educational preparation of that CRNA in compliance

with R.S. 37:930(A)(3)” after the words “Anesthesia care” and before the words “and includes”;

- amend §4513.D.11.c.ii, *Exclusion*, to insert the word “shall be in accordance with R.S. 37:930(A)(3)” before the word “CRNAs” and before the words “shall include.”;

- amend §4513.D.11.c.ii.a, *Exclusion*, to insert the words “provided by a CRNA in accord with the educational preparation of that CRNA ” after the word “services” and before the words “nurse shall be” and strike the words “as delineated by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in which the individual CRNA possesses the knowledge, skills, and abilities to competently perform”;

- amend §4505, *Specialty* (formally *Subspecialty*), to repeal the definition in its entirety.

No fiscal or economic impact will result from the amendments proposed in this notice.

The substantive changes are available for viewing on the Louisiana state Board of Nursing website under Board Information, Regulatory Progress, at www.lsbn.state.la.us.

LSBN will facilitate a public hearing for §4513, Advanced Practice, on January 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

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Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Nursing

Technical Change to Proposed Rule
Advance Practice Registered Nurses
(LAC 46:XLVII.4507)

Through the authority granted in R.S. 37:918, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) is amending Chapter 45 of its rules: §4507. Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., to provide for amendment to the proposed Rule. The proposed Rule change will allow the Louisiana State Board of Nursing the ability to provide an opportunity for APRNs that have acquired licensure by alternative methods to go before the board and explain and/or justify why the Louisiana State Board of Nursing should extend licensure opportunities to him/her. The agency published the Notice of Intent on October 20, 2015 with proposed amendments to two Sections of its rules: §4507 and §4513. A public hearing was requested with all comments focused exclusively on §4513 of the rules which was published in conjunction with the changes to §4507. There has been no opposition or comment submitted relative to §4507. No amendments to the language are proposed. This notice serves to provide separate consideration of §4507 from §4513 in order to proceed with rulemaking procedures.

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