Notice of Rulemaking Activity

At its meeting held on August 13, 2015, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approved an amendment to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses §4507. Licensure as Advanced Practice Registered Nurse will 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 in this state. The proposed rule change also amends Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses §4513, Authorized Practice. The change clarifies exemption of CRNAs from the requirement to have a collaborative practice agreement to provide anesthesia care and ancillary services to patients in a hospital or other licensed surgical facility.

The first step in the rulemaking process is the publication of the Board's Notice of Intent in the October 20, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. As of October 20, 2015, you are able to access the publication free of charge at the state register's website at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr. The Notice of Intent can be found here.

The Board requests to receive written comments on the proposed revisions by November 10, 2015. Please direct all written communications regarding this proposal to my attention at the Board office.

For the Board Karen C. Lyon Executive Director