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NURSE AIDE LEGISLATION UPDATES

During the 2009 State Legislative Session, the Colorado Nurse Aide Practice Act went through Sunset Review as required by law. The following is a list of key highlights of the amendments made to the Nurse Aide Practice Act: SB 09-138 can be accessed at the General Assembly web site: http://www.leg.state.co.us/

The waiting period for Nurse Aides who have had their certification revoked or have voluntarily surrendered certification, has been extended to two years after the date of revocation/ surrender before they are permitted to re-apply for certification.

The Nurse Aide Advisory Committee (NAAC) may now discipline a Nurse Aide if he or she fails to respond in a timely and materially factual manner to a complaint.

The NAAC may also discipline a Nurse Aide for failure to report a criminal conviction to the NAAC within 45 days after the conviction.

How do I find additional information? Contact information is as follows:
State Board Website: http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/

Helpful links on the Website:

Senate Bill 09-138: http://www.leg.state.co.us/
Rulemaking Notices: http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/rules/rulemaking.htm
Current Laws: http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/statutes/NursePracticeAct.pdf
Current Rules: http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/rules/rules.htm

UPCOMING RENEWALS

Certificates are set to Expire on January 31, 2010

Please renew your certificate online using Registrations Online Services. Renewals are generally made available 6 to 8 weeks prior to the certificate expiration date. Please make sure you complete your renewal prior to January 31, 2010. There is a 60-day grace period after the January 31 deadline. Any certificate not renewed prior to March 31, 2010 will be considered expired. Once a certificate is in expired status, a reinstatement application must be filled out and additional fees must be paid.

This renewal period you will receive a yellow **RENEWAL NOTICE POSTCARD.** There is no personal information on this postcard (other than your name, address and license number). This is the only notice you will receive. Let other people in your household know that this yellow postcard is not junk mail!

You can pay your renewal fee using a credit card, debit card or a prepaid credit card.

Affidavit of Eligibility Requirements

Effective January 1, 2007, all applicants requesting original licensure, renewal of an active license, or reinstatement of a expired license must complete and sign the Affidavit of Eligibility Form.

No license can or will be issued without this form.

The good news is that you can complete this form online when you use Registrations Online Services!

You must possess at least one secure and verifiable document and include information about that document on the Affidavit itself (or provide the information during online renewal).

The list of secure and verifiable documents is available to you when you renew online.

We also have a web page where you can read the law, look at the Affidavit, and see the list of acceptable documents.
www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit.htm

Have You Moved Lately?

It is imperative that all certificants keep their mailing address updated with the Division. The Division mails renewal information to the certificant at the last address furnished to the Division. Failure to receive such a renewal notice does not relieve the certificants of the obligation to submit a timely renewal.

You may update your mailing address at https://www.doradls.state.co.us/

If you are interested in viewing the disciplinary action documents, please visit Registrations Online Documents (ROD), found at **www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.htm.**

REGISTRATIONS ONLINE DOCUMENTS

The Department of Regulatory Agencies' **Registrations Online Documents (ROD), found at:**

www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.htm

ROD is a website that allows the consumer to view images of scanned disciplinary documents through the Internet. In reviewing a licensee's information, it is important to know what is and is not available from the agency about Colorado licensees.

The following information WOULD appear on a record under Board or Program Actions if applicable to the licensee:

1. If a licensee had been disciplined or formally accused of wrongdoing by the Board or Program.
2. If the Board or Program has taken some other non-disciplinary action against the licensee that restricts or limits the individual's license.

Board/Program Action Documents available via Registrations Online Documents (ROD)

- All **Stipulations, Final Agency Orders**, and **Suspensions** that were in effect in February 2000 plus any that became effective since that date. Child support suspensions are not available online but may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Board.
- Any document **Revoking** or agreeing to a **Voluntary Relinquishment/Surrender** of license or registration, **Cease and Desist Orders** and **Letters of Admonition** from January 1, 1999 to the present.
- All **Injunctions.**
- All **Notice of Charges** or **Formal Complaints**, if the information is a public record**,** for cases that were pending hearing as of February 2000.
- **Jury verdicts** against a physician or physician assistant in a civil medical liability trial that occurred after August 3, 2004.