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| (1) Agency  |  |   | 2.2.2.3.0.4.25 OM                                       |
| Department of State, Bureau of Prof<br>Occupational Affairs, State Board of   |  | 1                                       |   |
| (2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Us   | se)  |   |   |
| 16A-5127  |  | IF                                      | RRC Number: 2495  |
| (3) Short Title   |  |   |   |
| Fees for Approval of Nursing Educa  | tion Progra  | ms                                      |   |
| (4) PA Code Cite  | (5) Agency Contacts & Telephone Numbers Primary Contact: Teresa Lazo-Miller, Counsel |   | <b>_</b>  |
| 49 Pa. Code, §§ 21.5, 21.147 &  |  |   | sing (717) 783-7200                                     |
| 21.253  | 1  | •                                       | e McKeever, Deputy Chief<br>ent of State (717) 783-7200 |
| (6) Type of Rulemaking (check one)  |  |   |   |
| X Proposed Rulemaking   |  | Attached? X No                          |   |
| Final Order Adopting Regulation   | 1  |   | Attorney General  |
| Policy Statement  |  | Yes: By the                             | Governor  |
| (8) Briefly explain the regulation in cle   | ar and nonte   | chnical language.                       |   |
| The proposed amendments raise education programs from \$475 to practitioner (CRNP) education prog   | <b>\$935 and t</b> l   | he fee for approv                       |   |
| (9) State the statutory authority for the   | regulation a   | nd any relevant stat                    | e or federal court decisions.                           |
| Section 11.2 of the Professional approve professional nursing education (63 P.S. § 667.5) authorizes the Boar Section 8.1 of the act (63 P.S. § 218 | ion progran<br>d to approv   | as. Section 17.5 of a practical nursing | the Practical Nurse Law (PN act) g education programs.  |
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| (10) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation? If yes, cite the specific law, case or regulation, and any deadlines for action.  |
| The regulation is not mandated by federal or state law or court order or federal regulation.   |
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| (11) Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. What is the problem it addresses?   |
| Section 11.2(b) of the act (63 P.S. § 212.2(b)) requires the Board to meets its operational expenses through fees charged to licensees. The Board's general operating expenses are funded through biennial license renewal fees. The Board charges a fee for services provided based on the cost of providing the service, in accordance with section 11.2(d) of the act (63 P.S. § 212.2(d)). When the cost of providing a particular service is no longer the same as the fee for the service, the Board amends its regulations so that the fee for a service accurately reflects the cost of providing the service. The public interest is served by utilizing the Board's general operating fund from biennial fees for the enforcement of the nursing acts and regulations, rather than to support services performed for particular individuals. |
| (12) State the public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.  |
| The public health and safety may be threatened if the Board must drain funds earmarked for enforcement efforts to support services performed at the request of individuals.  |
| (13) Describe who will benefit from the regulation. (Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.)   |
| The general public benefits from the Board's enforcement of the nursing acts and regulations.  |
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| (14) Describe who will be adversely affected by the regulation. (Quantify the adverse effects as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will be adversely affected.)  |
| The Board has not identified any groups or subsets of groups that will be adversely affected by the regulation.  |
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| (15) List the persons, groups or entities that will be required to comply with the regulation.  (Approximate the number of people who will be required to comply.)   |
| All developers of nursing education programs will be required to pay the new fees for approval of their proposed programs.   |
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| (16) Describe the communications with and input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the persons and/or groups who were involved, if applicable.  |
| Because the amendments are based on the revenue office assessment of the actual costs of providing services, the Board did not seek input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation.   |
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| (17) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the regulated community associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.  |
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| The proposed amendments would increase the fee for professional and practical nursing education programs by \$460. From 1993 to 2004, the Board approved approximately 13 new professional nursing programs and 12 new practical nursing programs. If the numbers are consistent for the next 11-year time period, the overall increase will be \$11,500 or \$1045 per year. |
| The proposed amendments would increase the fee for CRNP nursing education programs by \$260. The Board has approved 30 CRNP nursing education programs since 1993 and anticipates only a handful of new CRNP programs over the next 11 years.  |
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| (18) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to local governments associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.  |
| There are no costs or savings to local governments associated with complying with the regulation.  |
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| (19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to state government associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required.  |
| There are no costs or savings to state government because the Board is self-supporting.  |
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(20) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

|                      | Current<br>FY<br>Year | FY +1<br>Year | FY +2<br>Year | FY +3<br>Year | FY +4<br>Year | FY +5<br>Year |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| SAVINGS:             | \$                    | \$            | \$            | \$            | \$            | \$            |
| Regulated Community  | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| Local Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| State Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| Total Savings        | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| COSTS:               |                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Regulated Community  | 0                     | 1305          | 1305          | 1305          | 1305          | 1305          |
| Local Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| State Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| Total Costs          | NA                    |               | \$            | \$            |               |               |
| REVENUE LOSSES:      |                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Regulated Community  | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| Local Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| State Government     | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| Total Revenue Losses | NA                    | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            | NA            |

(20a) Explain how the cost estimates listed above were derived.

The proposed amendments would increase the fee for professional and practical nursing education programs by \$460. From 1993 to 2004, the Board approved approximately 13 new professional nursing programs and 12 new practical nursing programs. If the numbers are consistent for the next 11-year time period, the overall increase will be \$11,500 or \$1045 per year.

The proposed amendments would increase the fee for CRNP nursing education programs by \$260. The Board has approved 30 CRNP nursing education programs since 1993 and anticipates only a handful of new CRNP programs over the next 11 years.

The estimates are based on an average of new professional and practical nursing education programs and one new CRNP program per year.

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(20b) Provide the past three year expenditure history for programs affected by the regulation.

| Program                               | FY -98-99      | FY99-00        | FY -00-01 AS<br>OF 12/31/01 | BUDGETED FY<br>01-02 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| State Board of<br>Nursing             | \$3,922,622.16 | \$4,514,839.67 | \$4,934,157.00              | \$4,827,000.00       |
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(21) Using the cost-benefit information provided above, explain how the benefits of the regulation outweigh the adverse effects and costs.

The benefits of having an accurate fee for the service of approving nursing education programs in order to conserve the Board's resources for the enforcement of its acts in order to assure safe nursing practice for the citizens of the Commonwealth outweigh the limited additional cost per program.

(22) Describe the nonregulatory alternatives considered and the costs associated with those alternatives. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

No nonregulatory alternatives were considered because the Board is required by section 11.2 of the act (63 P.S. § 221.2) to fix all fees by regulation.

(23) Describe alternative regulatory schemes considered and the costs associated with those schemes. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

Because the proposed fees are based on an assessment of the actual costs of providing services, no alternative regulatory schemes were considered.

|   | (24) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the   |
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|   | specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulation.   |
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|   | (25) How does this regulation compare with those of other states? Will the regulation put Pennsylvania   |
|   | at a competitive disadvantage with other states?   |
|   | at a competitive disadvantage with other states:   |
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|   | The regulation will not put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states, because  |
|   | the fee is comparable to the fees charged by other State Boards of Nursing for approval of nursing   |
|   | education programs. For example, the fee in New Jersey is \$1,400.00.  |
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|   | (26) Will the regulation affect existing or proposed regulations of the promulgating agency or other   |
|   | state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.  |
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|   | The regulation will not affect existing or proposed regulations of the Board or other state agencies.  |
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|   | (27) Will any public hearings or informational meetings be scheduled? Please provide the dates, times,   |
|   | and locations, if available.   |
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|   | The Board reviews its proposed regulations in public session at its monthly meetings. The dates,   |
| -                                       | times and locations of the Board meetings are published on the Board's website.  |
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| (28) Will the regulation change existing reporting, record keeping, or other paperwork requirements? Describe the changes and attach copies of forms or reports which will be required as a result of implementation, if available.  |
| The proposed amendments will not change existing reporting, record keeping or other paperwork requirements.  |
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| (29) Please list any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, elderly, small businesses, and farmers.  |
| The Board has identified no group or subset of a group with particular needs which would be affected by the amendment. Therefore, no special provisions have been developed or anticipated.  |
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| (30) What is the anticipated effective date of the regulation; the date by which compliance with the regulation will be required; and the date by which any required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained?  |
| The regulation will become effective on publication of the final-form rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.   |
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| (31) Provide the schedule for continual review of the regulation.  |
| The Board continuously monitors its regulations at its meetings. Meeting dates are available on the Department of State's website, <a href="https://www.dos.state.pa.us">www.dos.state.pa.us</a> .   |
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING
49 PA. CODE, CHAPTER 21
FEES FOR APPROVAL OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The State Board of Nursing (Board) proposes to amend §§ 21.5, 21.147 and 21.253 (relating to fees), to read as set forth in Annex A. The proposed rulemaking will update the fees charged for the approval of nursing education programs.

#### **Effective Date**

The amendments will be effective upon publication of the final-form rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

#### **Statutory Authority**

The amendments are authorized under section 11.2 of the Professional Nursing Law (RN act) (63 P.S. § 221.2) and section 17.5 of the Practical Nurse Law (PN act) (63 P.S. § 667.5).

#### Background and Need for the Amendment

The State Board of Nursing provides various services to licensees, applicants and nursing schools for which fees are charged. Section 6.1 of the RN act (63 P.S. § 216.1) (related to approval of professional nursing education programs), section 9 of the PN act (63 P.S. § 659) (related to approval of practical nursing education programs) and section 8.1 of the RN act (63 P.S. § 218.1) (related to qualifications for certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs), approved programs of education) require the Board to approve nursing education programs. Under this statutory authority, the Board has promulgated regulations detailing the requirements of approved programs of nursing education at §§ 21.31 –21.126 (relating to approval of schools of professional nursing; requirements for organization, administration, instruction, personnel, curriculum, facilities, student services and records for professional nursing; requirements for organization, administration, instruction, personnel, curriculum, facilities, student services and records for practical nursing education programs). The Board anticipates the promulgation of final rulemaking related to the approval of CRNP education programs later this year. See 34 Pa. B. 4890 (September 4, 2004).

The Board reviews nursing educational programs with the assistance of its nursing education advisors, who are individuals with a minimum of a Master's degree in nursing in accordance with section 2.1(i) of the RN act (63 P.S. § 212.1(i)). The procedure for reviewing an application for approval of a new nursing education program requires that the Board staff conduct an in-depth review and analysis of the application, including review of the budget, curriculum, faculty and clinical experiences. In addition, Board staff conducts a site survey and reviews the physical facilities, such as classroom space, library holdings and nursing equipment.

The amended fees associated with this approval process are directly tied to the administrative cost of reviewing and analyzing the application and surveying the program.

In 1991, the Board established fees for the approval of professional and practical nursing education programs at 21 Pa. B. 5521 (November 30, 1991). The fees were amended in 1993, to their current levels of \$475 for professional and practical nursing education programs. (23 Pa. B. 5634 (November 27, 1993)). The Board charges certified registered nurse practitioner programs seeking approval the same fee.

Since 1993, the time expended by the Board staff to review each program has increased dramatically. Many of the proposals from the past 2 years to develop nursing education programs at the professional and practical nurse level have come from individuals with little or no background in nursing education. This is due in part to the recent need for new nursing education programs, which is directly related to the need to educate more nurses because of the nursing shortage. The inexperience of the new program developers has led to greatly increased involvement of the nursing education advisors in planning curriculum and clinical experiences, and overseeing the creation of facilities for nursing education programs. It has become common for the Board staff to review and offer advice on multiple draft proposals before the proposals are ready to be presented to the Board.

The Board sets fees, other than biennial renewal fees that support the general operations of the Board, based on the actual cost of providing services. The Office of Revenue conducted a study of the average services provided to nursing education programs seeking Board approval and determined that the fee for approval of professional and practical nursing education programs should be set at \$935 and the fee for approval of CRNP education programs should be set at \$735. Previously, CRNP education programs were charged the same as professional nursing education programs under §21.5. In order to keep all provisions related to CRNPs in Subchapter C of the Board's regulations, the Board will place the fee for CRNP program approval in § 21.253.

#### **Description of Proposed Amendments**

The proposed amendments would raise the fee for approval of professional and practical nursing education programs from \$475 to \$935. The proposed rulemaking would raise the fee for approval of CRNP education programs from \$475 to \$735.

#### Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed amendments would increase the fee for approval of professional and practical nursing education programs by \$460. From 1993 to 2004, the Board has approved

approximately 13 new professional nursing programs and 12 new practical nursing programs. If the numbers are consistent for the next 11-year time period, the overall increase will be \$11,500 or \$1045 per year. The proposed amendments would increase the fee for CRNP nursing education programs by \$260. The Board has approved 30 CRNP nursing education programs since 1993 and anticipates only a handful of new CRNP programs over the next 11 years. The Board will realize savings to its general operating budget by having the fee for the service of approving nursing education programs accurately reflect the cost of the service provided. There is no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth from the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments will not create or reduce paperwork requirements for nursing education programs seeking approval or for the Board. There are no paperwork requirements on the Commonwealth related to the approval of nursing education programs.

#### **Sunset Date**

The Board continuously monitors the cost effectiveness of its regulations. Therefore, no sunset date has been assigned.

#### Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P. S. § 745.5(a)), on September 26, 2005, the Board submitted a copy of this proposed rulemaking and a copy of a Regulatory Analysis form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the House Professional Licensure Committee. A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

Under section 5(g) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC may convey any comments, recommendations or objections to the proposed rulemaking within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. The comments, recommendations or objections shall specify the regulatory review criteria which have not been met. The Regulatory Review Act specifies detailed procedures for review, prior to final publication of the rulemaking, by the Board, the General Assembly and the Governor of comments, recommendations or objections raised.

#### **Public Comment**

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, recommendations, or objections regarding this proposed rulemaking to Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator, State

Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649, within 30 days following publication of this proposed rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Janet Hunter Shields, MSN, CRNP, CNS, Chair State Board of Nursing

#### <u>ANNEX</u>

# TITLE 49. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SUBPART A. PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS CHAPTER 21. STATE BOARD OF NURSING

#### SUBCHAPTER A. REGISTERED NURSES

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§21.5. Fees.

(a) The following fees are charged by the Board:

Application for approval of new nursing program.....\$[475]935

SUBCHAPTER B. PRACTICAL NURSES

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### §21.147. Fees.

(b) The following fees are charged by the Board:

Application for approval of new nursing program......\$[475]935

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## SUBCHAPTER C. CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTIONERS GENERAL PROVISIONS

§21.253. Fees.

The following fees are charged by the Board:

Application for approval of new nursing program.....\$735

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#### FEE REPORT FORM

Agency: State - BPOA

Date: 03/22/2005

Contact:

Basil Merenda

Phone No.

783-7192

#### Fee Title, Rate and Estimated Collections:

Application Fee: Approval of Practical Nurse Education Program: \$935.00

Estimated Biennial Revenue: \$3,740.00

(4 applications x \$935.00)

#### **Fee Description:**

The fee will be charged to evaluate each application for approval of a new Practical Nurse Education Program in Pennsylvania.

#### Fee Objective:

The fee should (1) offset the identifiable costs incurred by the State Board of Nursing to review and process an application for approval of a new Practical Nurse Education Program and (2) defray a portion of the Board's administrative overhead.

#### Fee-Related Activities and Costs:

| Staff time- review and prepare application | (.25 hr)              | 4.27         |
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| Board administrator - prepare application  |                       |              |
| for Board                                  | (.08hr)               | 2.03         |
| Attorney-avg. time to review legal issues  | (.50 hr)              | 18.90        |
| Board Mtg: - review/discuss                | (.50 hr)              | 196.14       |
| Nursing Education Advisor - evaluate &     |                       |              |
| make recommendation                        | (21.00 hr)            | 695.31       |
| Exec. Sec avg. time per app:               | (.08 hr)              | 3.02         |
| Administrative Overhead:                   |                       | <u>11.50</u> |
|  | Total Estimated Cost: | 931.17       |
|  | Proposed Fee:         | \$935.00     |

#### Analysis, Comment, and Recommendation:

It is recommended that a fee of \$935.00 be established to review and evaluate an application for approval of a new Practical Nurse Education Program in Pennsylvania.

### Application Fee: Approval of New Practical Nurse Education Program.

Board Staff: Reviews application for approval to establish a new state-approved Practical Nurse Education Program. Nursing Education Advisor reviews program proposal including curriculum, faculty, admission and administrative policies, establishment, need, philosophy, organization and plan for evaluation of program. Nursing Education Advisor submits summary and recommendation to State Board of Nursing for approval. Nurse Board reviews at meeting and Nursing Education Advisor sends comments to program provider.

Because expenses vary widely due to the possibility of multiple revisions, the fee proposed here covers only minimal staff time and the administrative overhead charge.

#### **FEE REPORT FORM**

Agency:

State - BPOA

Date: 03/22/2005

Contact:

Basil Merenda

Phone No.

783-7192

#### Fee Title, Rate and Estimated Collections:

Application Fee: Approval of Registered Nurse Education Program: \$935.00

Estimated Biennial Revenue: \$3,740.00

(4 applications x \$935.00)

#### Fee Description:

The fee will be charged to evaluate each application for approval of a new Registered Nurse Education Program in Pennsylvania.

#### Fee Objective:

The fee should (1) offset the identifiable costs incurred by the State Board of Nursing to review and process an application for approval of a new Registered Nurse Education Program and (2) defray a portion of the Board's administrative overhead.

#### Fee-Related Activities and Costs:

| Staff time- review and prepare application Board administrator - prepare application | (.25 hr)              | 4.27     |
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| for Board  | (.08hr)               | 2.03     |
| Attorney-avg. time to review legal issues  | (.50 hr)              | 18.90    |
| Board Mtg: - review/discuss  | (.50 hr)              | 196.14   |
| Nursing Education Advisor - evaluate &   |                       |          |
| make recommendation  | (21.00 hr)            | 695.31   |
| Exec. Sec avg. time per app:   | (.08 hr)              | 3.02     |
| Administrative Overhead:   |                       | 11.50    |
|  | Total Estimated Cost: | 931.17   |
|  | Proposed Fee:         | \$935.00 |

#### Analysis, Comment, and Recommendation:

It is recommended that a fee of \$935.00 be established to review and evaluate an application for approval of a new Registered Nurse Education Program in Pennsylvania.

## Application Fee: Approval of New Registered Nurse Education Program.

Board Staff: Reviews application for approval to establish a new state-approved Registered Nurse Education Program. Nursing Education Advisor reviews program proposal including curriculum, faculty, admission and administrative policies, establishment, need, philosophy, organization and plan for evaluation of program. Nursing Education Advisor submits summary and recommendation to State Board of Nursing for approval. Nurse Board reviews at meeting and Nursing Education Advisor sends comments to program provider.

Because expenses vary widely due to the possibility of multiple revisions, the fee proposed here covers only minimal staff time and the administrative overhead charge.

#### **FEE REPORT FORM**

Agency:

State - BPOA

Date: 03/22/2005

Contact:

Basil Merenda

Phone No.

783-7192

#### Fee Title, Rate and Estimated Collections:

Application Fee: Approval of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Education

Program:

\$735.00

Estimated Biennial Revenue: \$2,940.00

 $(4 \text{ applications } \times \$735.00)$ 

#### Fee Description:

The fee will be charged to evaluate each application for approval of a new CRNP program in Pennsylvania.

#### Fee Objective:

The fee should (1) offset the identifiable costs incurred by the State Board of Nursing to review and process an application for approval of a new CRNP program and (2) defray a portion of the Board's administrative overhead.

#### Fee-Related Activities and Costs:

| Staff time- review and prepare application | (.25 hr)              | 4.27     |
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| Board administrator - prepare application  |                       |          |
| for Board                                  | (.08hr)               | 2.03     |
| Attorney-avg. time to review legal issues  | (.50 hr)              | 18.90    |
| Board Mtg: - review/discuss                | (.50 hr)              | 196.14   |
| Nursing Practice Advisor - evaluate &      |                       |          |
| make recommendation                        | (15.00 hr)            | 496.65   |
| Exec. Sec avg. time per app:               | (.08 hr)              | 3.02     |
| Administrative Overhead:                   |                       | 11.50    |
|  | Total Estimated Cost: | 732.51   |
|  | Proposed Fee:         | \$735.00 |

#### Analysis, Comment, and Recommendation:

It is recommended that a fee of \$735.00 be established to review and evaluate an application for approval of a new Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner program in Pennsylvania.

## Application Fee: Approval of New Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Education Program:

Board Staff: Reviews application for approval to establish a new state-approved CRNP program. Nursing Practice Advisor reviews program proposal including curriculum, faculty, admission and administrative policies, establishment, need, philosophy, organization and plan for evaluation of program. Nursing Practice Advisor submits summary and recommendation to State Board of Nursing for approval. Nurse Board reviews at meeting and Nursing Practice Advisor sends comments to program provider.

Because expenses vary widely due to the possibility of multiple revisions, the fee proposed here covers only minimal staff time and the administrative overhead charge.



# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Post Office Box 2649 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649 (717) 783-7142

September 26, 2005

The Honorable John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re:

**Proposed Regulation** 

State Board of Nursing

16A-5127: Fees for Approval of Nursing Education Programs

Dear Chairman McGinley:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed rulemaking package of the State Board of Nursing pertaining to fees for approval of nursing education programs.

The Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Commission may require during the course of its review of the rulemaking.

Sincerely, Luntu Stullo, MSN, CRNP, CS

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