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RE: Regulation ID#16A-5130 (2608)

§ 21.5 Fees If I understand this section correctly, it will cost each individual \$2250 for 30 credits. My concern with this fee is the substantial financial burden that is placed on the individual, when the employer does not cover the expense. I'm sure there will be numerous employers who will not wish to incur the expense.

While I agree that continuing education is a good idea, I feel that the cost to the individual is rather high.

This high fee may deter nurses from entering or staying in the profession.