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Board Administrator
State Board of Nursing
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Dear Ms. Steffanic:

After reviewing the proposed continuing education for nursing, I am quite concerned regarding the 75 dollar per credit approval charge. I support continuing education and eagerly do so without government control. This proposed 75 dollar fee is excessive. Most nurses can not afford to have such a charge.

It is expensive to attend seminars and conferences. Attaching an additional fee is similar to a punishment. I am afraid you will lose more nurses. As a single parent, I feel as though I would need to move from this state. I am pursuing a Master's degree in nursing and do not have the finances to pay the proposed fees. Most hospitals/ health care institutions can not afford to pay such an expense either. The education dollars have dwindled, hospitals are providing fewer educational dollars to the nurses.

Sincerely,

Rebecca C. Sheriff, BS CRRN

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for your comments regarding the State Board of Nursing proposed rulemaking regarding continuing education for professional nurses (RNs). As you know, Act 58 of 2006, codified at 63 P.S. § 12.1, specifically provided as follows:

School nurses who as certified education specialists are required to obtain continuing professional education under section 1205.2 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," and under this act shall be permitted to submit evidence of the completion of education courses approved for their certification by the school district.

The statutory language is clear that the Board must accept the continuing education courses that school nurses take for continued certification by the school district for licensure renewal. Therefore, there was no need for the Board to parrot the statutory language in its rulemaking.

I hope this has been responsive to your concern.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Lazo".

Teresa Lazo
Counsel, State Board of Nursing