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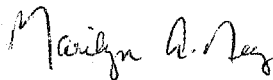
Dear Ms. Steffanic,

This letter is in reference to Regulation ID # 16A-5130 (#2608), the proposed regulation regarding the Continuing Education for Professional Nurses.

As a Certified School Nurse, I am required by the PA Dept. of Education to receive 180 hours of continuing education every five years under Act 48 to retain my School Nurse Certification. Many of the courses that I take to fulfill my Act 48 credits are related to my nursing profession (eg. - Tourettes Syndrome, Autism, CPR certification, etc).

It would be very helpful to Certified School Nurses to have Act 48 credits related to nursing included in the regulations as approved credits to meet the Continuing Education for Professional Nurses requirement. Getting 30 hours every two years in addition to 180 hours every five years could get confusing and cumbersome if the courses can not be counted together.

Thank you for your consideration.



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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 cursive script that reads "Teresa Lazo".

Teresa Lazo
Counsel, State Board of Nursing