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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
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Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I have read the proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin (Vol. 37, No. 17) regarding continuing education for professional nurses, Regulation ID# 16A-5130 (#2608). I have two questions regarding the proposal. First, as a school nurse, I am required to complete 180 hours of continuing education every 5 years to maintain my state certification as a school nurse. This record keeping is done through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Would I additionally have to submit these hours to the Board of Nursing, or would the Department of Education records be shared with the Board of Nursing?

My second question pertains to the \$75.00 fee per hour of continuing education that is referenced. Is this a fee that an organization would pay to offer a continuing education program that is approved by the Board of Nursing, or is this a fee that individual licensed nurses would have to pay for continuing education hours?

I would appreciate clarification of these two questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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