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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I have some concerns about the proposed regulations requiring nurses to have continuing education.

First, under section 21.5 is a reference to a \$75 fee for approval of one hour of continuing education. Although I doubt that it means I will have to pay \$75 for each of my 30 hours in a two year period, it is unclear exactly what the \$75 is for or if there will be any extra cost to me.

Second, I cannot find any section that clearly defines the process by which I prove that I have the required hours. Do I simply save the certificates of attendance and provide them if requested, or will I have to send copies? If I obtain credits on line, how do I document this? This process should be better delineated.

Are all standard CEU providers, such as Laura Gasparis Vonfroglio and the California Nurses Association, plus the numerous small companies who give CEU's, included as acceptable? It's not clear to me from your list of acceptable providers.

I also would like to request that the public comment period be extended to enable more nurses to understand the new proposed regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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President of Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals

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