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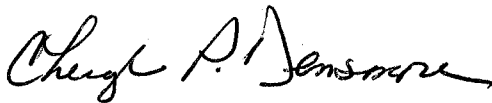
RE: Regulation ID #16A-5130 (#2608)

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am a registered nurse in Pennsylvania who is practicing as a Certified School Nurse. Under current Pennsylvania law (Act 48) I am already required to obtain 180 Continuing Education Hours every five years in order to maintain my educational specialist (School Nurse) certification. While I applaud the legislature's effort to ensure well prepared nurses with current knowledge with their proposal (of 30 hours of Continuing Education every 2 years in order to renew your professional nursing license), I think it is unreasonable to expect the school nurses to acquire another 30 hours *in addition* to what they are already required to obtain. The credentialing requirements for the two groups are different, so that the hours would not necessarily be interchangeable. I would ask that the credits or hours obtained under Act 48 be applied to licensure hours or that the Department of Education be required to accept hours obtained to renew professional licensure.

I appreciate the Board's kind attention in this matter.

Thank you,



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Pa Certified School Nurse

cc: Arthur Coccodrilli