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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

RE: 49 PA.CODE CH. 21—Continuing Education for Professional Nurses

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the State Board of Nursing's draft regulations regarding continuing education for professional nurses. Efforts to develop the most flexible and comprehensive continuing education requirements that allow registered nurses to complete the continuing education for their licensure renewal is critical. Please consider the following addition to increase opportunity for educational credit.

• Editors and Section editors for nursing journals should be able to acquire educational hours per credited publication.

Hours of time are spent by experienced nurses as editors and section editors promoting professional growth of registered nurses through publication. Thank you for taking the time to review this request. If you have comments or questions please contact me at 570-271-7149.

Sincerely,

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